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MASSACHUSETTS.

1662–1707.

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The Memory

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RICHARD SAWTELL,	JONATHAN MORSE,
JAMES FISKE,	JOSIAH PARKER,
WILLIAM LONGLEY,	JONAS PRESCOTT,
JOHN PAGE,	WILLIAM LONGLEY, JR.,
RICHARD BLOOD,	JAMES BLANCHARD,
JOHN MORSE,	THOMAS TARBELL, AND
JAMES PARKER,	JOSEPH LAKIN,

The First Fourteen Town Clerks of Groton,

OF WHOM THREE DIED WHILE IN OFFICE,

THIS COPY OF THEIR RECORDS IS INSCRIBED

BY THE EDITOR.

INTRODUCTION.

THE town meeting is an outgrowth of New-England life. It had its origin with the first settlers, and has been kept up by their successors. Each town was incorporated, and the freemen came together in public meeting to discuss and settle questions of general interest. They also chose town officers, to whom was delegated the power to manage their civil affairs. The proceedings at these meetings furnish the basis of our political history, and they give us the best insight of the forces that developed local self-government.

The following records of the town of Groton are the earliest extant, and were probably the first made of any meeting held within its limits. They are copied from the only book of records kept during the Indian wars, and are now printed in accordance with a vote of the town. From the fact that the book was for a while preserved rolled up, it acquired the name of "The Indian Roll." It appears to have been lost at one time, but was subsequently found; and, when first seen by Mr. Butler, according to his History, page 33, the wrapper containing it bore this inscription: —

"The Indian Roll,
Found at Dea. Lawrence's, Feb. 21, 1807."

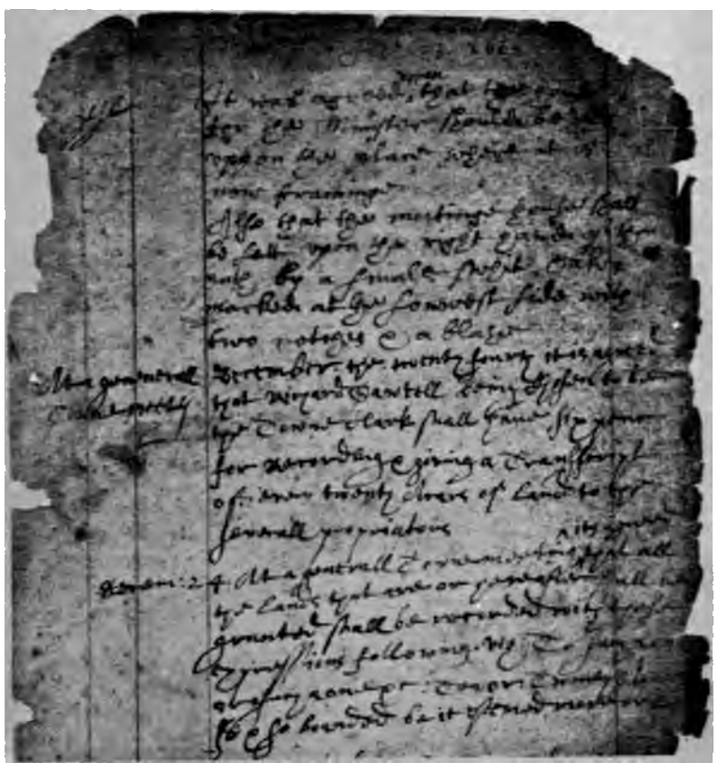
Major Samuel Lawrence was the town clerk from the year 1796 to 1798, and this book had probably been overlooked when the other records were turned over to his successor. The cover has long since been lost; the leaves are loose and much worn, and a few of them are missing. The records extend from the year 1662 to 1707, and contain many inter-

esting facts in regard to the town. They include the names of families that have been in the neighborhood through many generations, even to the present day.

The pages of the record-book are not numbered, though there are traces of numbering in the part containing the Land-grants. The entries of the proceedings are made frequently out of place, and sometimes the record of one meeting is found scattered about, written on the blank spaces of several leaves. These detached fragments may be recognized from the date as belonging to the same meeting, and in this printed copy such fragments have been brought together. The paging of the early part of the record-book is indicated by the large figures enclosed within brackets. This, however, has not been deemed practicable later than June, 1681, on account of the want of chronological arrangement.

The Land-grants are given at the end of this volume, and for the most part are arranged chronologically; but in some instances they are not dated. In these cases, the name of the town clerk who recorded them is given, with his term of service; and the date can be approximated near enough for practical purposes. In printing them, the capitalization and punctuation have been made to conform to modern usage, as it is thought that in this way the different localities might be more easily identified; but the spelling remains unchanged.

The first town clerk was Richard Sawtell, an original proprietor of Groton and the possessor of a twenty-acre right. He came from Watertown, where he was living as early as the year 1636. He wrote a good hand for his day, and held the office during three years. His house-lot was situated on the west side of James's Brook, just below the monument marking the birth-place of Colonel Prescott. He died August 21, 1694, at Watertown, where he went, doubtless in the spring of 1676, when Groton was burned by the Indians. In his will, dated May 16, 1692, he mentions his wife, Elizabeth, — who died October 18, 1694, — and a large number of children and grandchildren.



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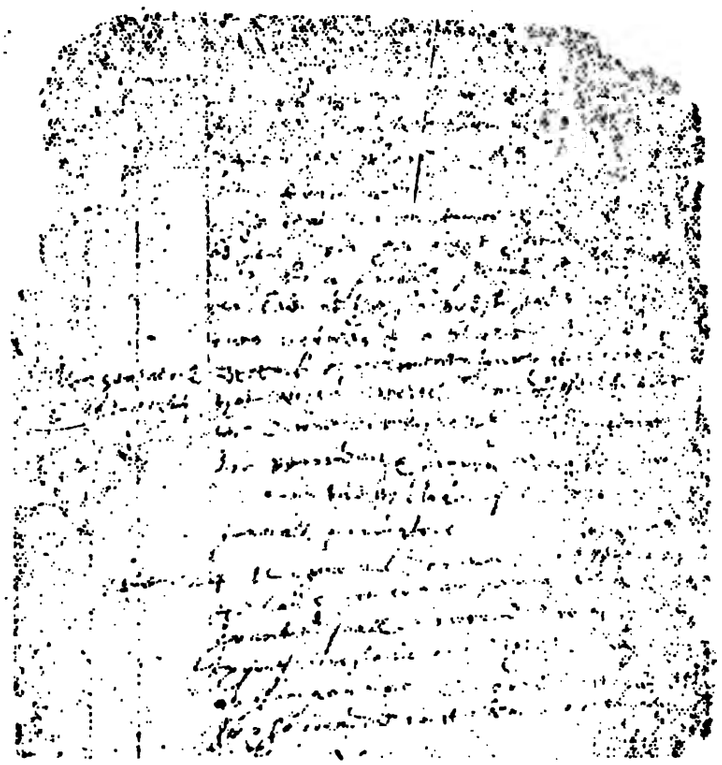

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EARLY RECORDS

OF

GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

ATT a generall towne meet[ing,] June. 23. 1662.
It was agreed vppon that the house for the Minister should be set vppon the place where it is now framinge.

Also that the meetinge house shall be sett vpon the right hand of the path by a small whit Oak, marked at the souwest side with two notches & a blaze

At a genenerall Towne meeting December. the twenty fourth it is agreed that Richard Sawtell being Chosen to be the Towne Clark shall have six penc for Recording & giving a Transcript of every twenty Acars of land to the severall propriators

Decem: 24. At a generall Towne meeting its agreed that all the lands that are or here after shall be granted shall be recorded with these expressions following. viz: To such a one or such a one &c: Ten or: Twenty Acars so & so bounded be it estemed more or lesse

Decem. 24 Its agreed by the Towne at a generall meeting That the wood & Timber that is in the hie-way against any mans house shall be his provided that he shall not [upon] the penalty of paying halfe a Crown a tree falle any trees vpon the Com[mon] except it apeareth they have not amon[gst] these trees such tree or trees as will suit their necessitie provided also that when they falle they shall not let lie to the prejuduice of the Towne or any or any one

of the inhabitants by hindering the pass[age] of Carts or Horses &c vpon the penalty of halfe a Crowne if vpon six dayes warning they shall neglect (within the said tim of warning.) to cleare the way for full & free passage

Liberty is granted to Timothy Allen to set his House vpon a knole with out side of his fenc & land is granted him there unto not exceeding an Acar

Decem. 24 It is agreed that Deacon James Parker James Knop & John Page shall lay out acording to their discretion the Towne hie way & the land which any inhabitant wan[ts] of his grant

[Dece]m 24 Deacon James Parker John Lawr[ence, Wm.] Martin Ric: Blood & James ffi[ske are] chosen Selectmen for this [year &] are to draw vp som direction[s for the] Towne a . . . [1]

Wm Lakin Ralph Reed. Joh. Page & Joh Nuttin are chosen Surveyors of the hie wayes. this year. decem. 24. (6[2.]

At a generall Towne meeting. March 18. 1663. It was general[ly] agreed. as folloeth

first. That Mr Millar is by the Consent of the Towne ma[ni]fested by vote to be desired if God moue his hart there unto to continve still with vs for our further edificat[ion.] Richard Blood desents from this in regard of the time of or desiring him. wc he would have to be after the gen: Court.

2ly That Mr Miller shall haue a Twenty Acar lot layd out to him acording to the Townes grant to him

Thomas. Tarbole. Senior vpon his request was granted by the Towne to haue a knole of vpland containing about an Acar towards the vper end of Broad Medow wc is thought advantagious to him for the fencing of his medow

[Ju]ne 21 [16]63 Its agreed by the Towne & manifested by vote that Mr Willard if he accept of it shall be their minester as long as he liues wc Mr Willard accepts Except a manifest providenc of God apears to take him off

These persons folloing doe desent from this former vot. Richard. Sawtell. Samuell Woods. James Parker: John Nutting James ffiske

Its agreed by the major part of the Towne that Mr Willard shall haue their interest in the house &. lands that was devoted by the Towne for the minestry suckcessively. provided they may meete in

the house on the lords day &. vpon other ocasions of the Towne on metings. And these persons ffollowing desent from their act

James Parker Ric. Sawtell Willia^m Longley John nutting Tho. Tarbole. Jun.

Richard Blood and John Clary att present

James ffiske. John longly. Joh laran[ce,] Joseph laranc [2]

[*Date torn off.*]

. . . to excercise am . . . all Edification in the ways . . . glory & o^r owne everlasting goo . . . vs And further desiring ye Lord to . . . what hath been herein any way off[ensive] vnto him and to help euery one of vs to forg[et] & forgiue what hath been any way offensiue [to] each other as we desire the Lord to forgiue vs

[Sep.] 10 1: It is agreed by ye Consent of the Towne & manifested by vote that Mr Willard shall haue for this year forty pounds and if God be pleased so to despose of his & our hearts to continue together after the expiration of the yeare (w[e] hope) by o^r aproving of him & he of vs we shall we shall be willing to ad vnto his maintenanc as [God] shall blesse vs. expecting allso that he shall render vnto our pouerty if God shall please to deny vs a blessing vpon our labours

2. It is agreed & voted his yeare shall begin the first day of July last past

Sep. 21 63 It is agreed by ye Towne wth John Nuttin & voted that he the said John shall keepe cleane the meeting house this ye[ar] or cause it to be kept cleene & for his labour he is to h[ave] fourteen shillings

Novem 1. (63) with the consent of Anthony Pierce its granted by the Tow[n] that his son Daniell Pierce shall haue the one halfe of his said ffathers deuission of land viz. ten Acars of his H[ouse] lot on that side lying next Ralph Reeds & ten of . . . seurall percells whereof lieth in Broade medow. Halfe-moone medow. & the South medow and the rem[ainder] of his said fathers Hous lot to be reserued and added to the said Daniell in his next deuision if so much falle to hi[m] & if it proue lesse then his share he is to haue it made vp [some]where else at the Towns descresion And hereby it is [de]clared that the said Anthony is no propriator in Groton yet if God in prouidenc shall make way for him &

mov h[is] heart to com & reside with vs the towne doth promise . . . to acomadate him as conveniently as they can

[Novem.] 30 (63) John Mosse of Ipswitch is accepted by the Towne to pay the alotment of John Lawranc Juni:

Its agreed that when all men hav their full allowan of medow The residue shall be devided to the p'sent inhabitants by lot acording to every mans proportion

By the Towne its joyntly agreed & manifested by vote That every man of this Town shall bring a note of all his lands or their lands Bounded & abutted vnto ye Town-Clark being subscribed by two that helpt to lay them out and then the said clark shall record them in the Town Book and giue to each a Transcript of his lands according to the Towns record which shall be vieued by the Select m[en] both originall & coppy and if ye originall Town Record & ye Transcript be found to agree then each mans Transcript shall be subscribed by the Town Clark

For as much as y^t it apeareth that Richard Sawtell his [la]nd was not equivalent for goodness to other mens . . . who had the same quantitie. The Towne . . . have consented & by vote manifested that . . . he shall haue that scragy shrubbs . . . vnto Indian hill . . . som times a . . . Indian hill . . . [8]

[*Date torn off.*]

[1] . . . Towne from . . . penc provided he th . . . person that shall here after . . . make any just demand with respect to . . . ve mentioned p'mises what ever shall be by him . . . them so demanded

[2] Due to Ric Blud & Joh. Lakin for laying out the hie-way to Lankester twenty shillings when they have perfeted the work w^e they Engage to doe soone

3 Due to James ffisk &. Joh. Nuttin twenty shillings for laying out the hie-way to Chelmsford when they haue perfeted the work w^e they promise to doe as soone as they can

4 Due to Ric. Sawtell five shillings for service done for the Towne at Cambridg twice

5 Due to Jams Parker. Jam Knop &. Joh. Page. six shillings for laying out the Townes hie-wayes & & satisfing men for their land when it fell so that the hie-way went over any man's propriety

[Dec]em . . . 63 1 William Martin Sergeant James Parker Ric. Blud W^m lakin & John Nuttin are for this yeare Chosen Select men

2 Sam. Davis Sam. Woods Ellis Barns & John lakin are chosen surveyors of the hie-ways for this yeare

3 To view fences this year are chosen Jams Knop Wm Greene And Joseph Gilson

4 Ric. Sawtell is chosen Towne Clark for this year

November. 23. 1664. John Page is Chosen to be Constable this yeare: at a generall meeting

2 James Parker William Lakin James ffisk William Martin & Richard Blood are chosen Select men this yeare

3 Sergeant James Parker Joseph Parker Richard. Blud. Tho. Tarbole. & Sam. Woods are chosen & impowred by the Towne to lay out all the hie wayes In the Towne & if there be an absolute necessiti apearing for them to Run the hie way thro any mans propriety they haue full pow^r to satisfie them out of the Towns land to their best convenienc

4 ffor the surveyors of the hiewayes this yeare are Chosen Joh. Lawranc Joseph Parker & Jam Knop & Joseph Gilson

5 To view ffences this year are chosen Walter Skiner & Nathaniell Lawranc & Jonathan Sawtell

6 The Towne has granted vnto John. Shadock an alotment conteining a single mans proportion vpon condityon th[at] he shall pay the Towne Charges both Ciuill & Eclia[sti]call that heretofore hath risen or here after [shall] arise as the due proportion of such an alotme[nt.] And. secondly the vse of two [acres] of medow lyng vpon Cow-pond Brooke i . . . for seauen yeares. provided he abide . . . constantly & consionably . . . of the wants of each . . . they making . . . [4]

[*Three lines much torn, and illegible.*]

. . . other wise it is . . . disposed of at their plesur

November 27 1664 Joseua Whetney and Christofer halle were this day chosen to Joyn with Johnathan Sattell formerle chosen to vieue fences

In the Rome of Walter Skener and Nathanell larance whom ar herby Released

2ly it was this daye voated and granted y^t Mathias ffarnworth

shall haue fortey polle of land to be layd out agaynst his house next to James his Broke for a building place puided [it] do not predgedese the hye way

Richerd Blude William laken Mathias ffarnworth and James Kno[p] William longley being chosen emparsall by the towne and John Lawrence sener to arbtrate a desp[ute] betwen the above sayd John lawrence and the town they haue and do her[eby] declare y^t they do thus detarmen y^t is to Saye his pro.son of land being furst mad good acord to his gra[n]te we find ye remainder to be the towns land acord[in]g as it now bounded

27 of January James fisk is now by the townes apaintment Recorded the townes Clarke for this yeare

James Fisk, the second town clerk, was an original proprietor of Groton, and the owner of a twenty-acre right. He was also one of the first board of selectmen chosen by the inhabitants. He wrote a fair hand, and held the office during the year 1665. His house-lot was situated on the present "Great Road," perhaps a quarter of a mile south of the First Parish Meeting-house. He died July 4, 1689; and in his will, which was dated June 14 of the same year, he mentions four sons and one daughter.

[*Not dated.*]

It was this day granted and by voate decla[red] y^t John Leaken shall haue a pece of lande as which is sixe acors mor or lesse bound[ed] partly on the south and by tene acors of . . . land and aingeler east by his hethermost . . . and on the north by other tene acors of . . . lande on the west by the townes comon As also . . . on the east by the hye way [5]

Here the record is considerably torn, and is probably of a town meeting held subsequently to the time of the last entry.

It was . . . of Mr Willerde our . . . declared by voate y^t our time of . . . yerly so longe as god shall please to . . . gether shall begine and ende vpon the 29 [d]ay of september

It is furthermor agreed and decleared by voate y^t Mr Willerde shall be alowed in consideration of his labours amonste vs this next

yere Inseui[ng] the full pposion of fifteye pounds to be payd by euery Inhabetant acordinge to his pposion and as nere as may be in y^t which his nessety requir[es] and furthermor in consideriation of the tim being betwene the furste of July laste past and ye last of september next we do herby agree and promise vnto him y^t we will paye him twentey pounds for the first thirde parte of tim at or befor the last of september next and twentey pounds mor at or befor the furste of May next and twentey too pounds and 10 shilings more at or before the last of september next after which will be in ye yere 1666.

At a town metting vpon The 21 of the 7 mo^th 1665 It was this day agrēd and voated y^t they will haue a metting house bult forthw[ith.]

It was this day agreed and by voate declard y^t Sargent James Parker and Richerd Blood shall make the couenenant with the carpenders for the caring one the worke puided y^t noe other pay shall be Requrd of any man puided he will pay his proposon in his labour giung the carpenders a wekes warng

It was this day granted and by voate declared ye John lawranc sen^r shall quiatly posese and Inioye a parselle of land now in controuersey and allredey within his ffenc and a Joyning to his house lotte contining too acors mor or lesse bounded west and south by the hye way and north and east by his own land & granted to him as a grantiuety

It is also granted that eury Inhabetant shall haue the like priuledg proposonally

It was thise day granted and voated y^t Richard Bloode haue liberty to exchang 20 30 or 40 accors of his land prouided he do not take it vp agayne vpon phibeted land nor to the predges of the hye way or any predgedes to [a]ny mans propriety

. . . so y^t eury Inhabetant shall haue the li[ber]ty: of exchanging any parte of his land [pr]ouided it be not mor to the damedg of the town than priuledg to him y^t desir an exchang: in the aprehedsion of the commet[tee] chosen to lay it out [6]

. . . & by votte d . . . Consent of the town y^t noe . . . haue leberty . . . to take vp any lande by [way] of exchange or other way vpon Sandey pond brooke and between y^t and the magors brooke and South brooke till such tim as the milles acomodations be layd out

The 10 of the 8 mo^th^ 1665. It was this day voated and hereby decleared at a leagell town metting y^t^ thes persels of land namly, ye land Comonly called by ye name of the Indian hills as also all the comon lande between John Lauranc sen his hous lotte and William Grens and Samuell Woods ther medo as also a pece of Swamp betwen William Longlys and Johnathan Crespes ther lotts shall from this day forth lye in comone for the vse of the towne and noe man shall haue leberty to take up any parte ther of as his pperitey

2 It was allso this day agred and voated by the towne y^t^ in considration of a grattiaty formerly granted to eury Inhabetante anserable to John lawranc sen his grante ye 21 of the seaventh mo^th^ 65 y^t^ eury man shall haue liberty to take vp 6 accors to a twentey accor house lote, and in case it Joine to his house eury man shall take vp pposonabl ther vnto respectng such as haue eyther the holle or any part therof alredey, but if mor remote eury Inhabetant shall haue libert[y] to take vp too for one

It was this day granted to Eleze baron y^t^ he shall haue liberty to take vp three persels of medow contining too accor mor or lesse lying on the sowth of the Indeian hills bownded one all poynts by the towns comon

The Country hye way being determened betwen this towne and Chel[ms]ford by a commitey chosen Respectiuly by both towns haue agreed and according layd out thes country hye way from ye metting house place in the ould carte way to Chelmsford metting house sixe Rode in width from place to pla[ce] this being testefyed vndr the hands [of] the commitey at a towne mee[ting] the 10 of July 65 and excepted by the towne may be suficente to sattesfy aney home it may heraftr concern

witnesse JAM FFISKE in the nam o[f] the towne [7]

The ii of the [10th month, 1665?] . . . Joseph Parker chosen Cons[table for] this next Insouin Sargent James Parker William Longley William Mearten William Leaken and Jam Knope ar chosen Selecte men for this next yer Inseueh.

Richerd Bloode Thom Tarball ar chosen survayers of the hye ways for next yere Inseuen.

Sergent James Parker Jam Knop and William Leaken wer chosen together with y^m^ to determen the seuerall Squadrants and hom shall worke at each squadron succesiuly

William Longly is also chosen Clarke Danell Perse and Chresepher halle ar chosen to veue fences

Att the same meeting it was, voted that there should be a high way left out of all and euery additionall lot or lotts for the townes use as occassion should haue cause to make use of from time: to time; thear being lands alowed by the the suruayers [w]hen they laid out the seuerall additions prouided it be not aboue one high way and that the high way do not exceed aboue foure poole wide

A country rate for the year 1665
the totall summe being 11$^{\pounds}$ 5^{s} 6^{d} -
A county rate for the same yeare
the totall summe being 1$^{\pounds}$ 15^{s} 3^{d}
both, with rates committed into the hands of John Page to gather, by the order of the Select men [8]

William Longley was the third town clerk of Groton. He was among the earliest settlers of the town, and was the owner of a thirty-acre right. He was the son of Richard Longley, of Lynn, where, in the town records, the name is sometimes spelled Langley. His handwriting was creditable, and he held the office during the years 1666 and 1667. He died November 29, 1680, leaving a will, dated six days before his death, in which he mentions four daughters and two sons. A few years later his son, William, was chosen town clerk; and the two have sometimes been confounded with each other. Still later his grandson, John, was chosen to the same office.

16 of the 10 moth 1665 It was this day agreed and by a vnanams voatte declared y^{t} for as much as god by his puidanc haue setteled Mr Willerd our Rauerante Pastor by sole[mn] Ingeagment amunst vs we do therf[ore] frely giue him y^{t} acomadatione formerle stated to the minestry to gether with the house and all other apartanances apertayni[ng] ther vnto to him and his for eur from this day forth puided he do contineue with vs from this day forth till seaue[n] yers be xpired. But in cause he shall se cause to remoue from vs be for the seauen yers be xpired it is ag[reed] by our Rauerant paster one one par[t] and the town one the other y^{t} he shall leaue thes holle acomadatione to the town and be aloued what it shall be Judged by Indeferant men mutally ch[osen] ou both parteys and so the hous and lan[d] to Remayn the towns to despose of haung

aloued as aforsayd for what improument he haue mad vpon it But if it shall pleas god to take him by death then the house and land . . . to his eayers frely for euer

and hervnto we do enterchangebly sett to our hands the day and yer aboue wretten SAM^LL WILLARD JAMES PARKER
WILLIAM LAKIN
JAMES KNOP

In the name and with the consent of the towne

A generall towns meeting held. 5 of march 1665–66 Att the same meetting it was agreed and voted y^t the there should be trees marked for shade for cattell in all common hy wayes: :

A the same meetting it was agreed & voted that the marke should be a great T

At the same meeting it was agreed and voted [th]at who euer shall fall or lop any shuch trees [mark]ed by the men apointed shall pay for eue[ry tree] fallen or lopped shall pay for th . . . tenne shillings

[*Not dated.*]

It was this day granted and by voate declare[d] that Sergent James Parker John Page Jam Knope and Thomas Tarball shall haue libertey to take vp a twentey accor acomadations of vpland and medow the vpland in that place y^t may sute them beste prouided they do not take it out of y^t land which is alredey prohebeted and the medow partly out of y^t which was apoynted for t[he] melle and the rest wher they can finde it in aney place or places that they shall make choyc of with all other priueledges apertayning the[reto] acording to other grants of lik . . . In considriation of the . . . mill as apere by ac . . . [9]

Entered in the town book It is further ordered y^t the . . . shall not be ratable . . . yere sixty and seauen 67 as . . . ye mille shall stande Reatte fre for the full terme of twentey yeres ferthermor it is agreed by the consent of the towne y^t noe man nor men shall haue liberty to build anye other mell or mels tell the full time be xpired expresed in the couenant vndr the hands of the vndertakers vnless anye man se cause to buld it vpon his own pperitey and only for his own vse

6th 5^m 1666 it was this day voted and declared by these foure men that are aboue mentioned in this order of granting lands to builde a mill haue also released the towns engagement unto them

The following two entries are in the handwriting of John Morse, the sixth town clerk, and belong some years later.

At a Towne meeting granted by the Towne a five acre acomadation of vpland and medow with priuledg of commonage to such a psell vnto Thomas Williams wife and children and soe to remaine theirs without any salle or alteration and if in case they leaue the town then it is to returne againe to the town the towne paying him for what nesisary charg hee hau bin at

Upon an exact calculation found seaven hundred and forty acres of ratable meadow [10]

at a generall town meeting held 26 . . . [1666.] . . . It was agreed and declared by vote that our re [verand] Pastor Mr Willard should haue sixty pounds al[lowed] him for this year Ensuing: beginning at the 29 of Semptember 1666:

And also euery inhabited, is hereby ingaged to pay vnto our reuerent Pastor the third pt. of his pption in merchantable corne at price currant and also to cutt and Car[t] to his house and there to Cord for him the aforesaid 30 cord of wood at fiue shilling p cord, betwixt this & the 25th 10m

Att the same meetinge, Nathaniell Lawrenc and Samuell Woods now agreed with to lay the planks vpon the meeting and to do them sufficiently, and they are to haue 4 s 6:d p ooo alowed them in the meeting rate

Att the same meeting, James Knapp & Ellis [Barron] were agreed with to make 2 doores for the meeting house & to mak 2 p of stares for 1£: and to lay the vpper floure for 4s 6

At the same meating Will Greene and Joshua Whittney where cohosen, to he[lp] the Glassiar Goodm Grant to bring vp his glasse and to be allowed for their tim in the meeting house rate

Att a towns meeting held 11th: 10m 1666 Samuell Woods was Chosen Constable for the yeare Ensuing.

Att the same meeting Sergeant James Parker John Lakins John Lawrence James Knapp & William Longley we[re] Chosen select men for this yeare en[suing.]

Att the same meetting William Longley was chosen town Clarke for the year Ensuing.

John Longley of Grawton took the oath of fidelity this 24th of the 2 month 1666

before DANIELL GOOKIN

Att the same meeting the towne grant[ed] vnto John Morse that 2 acres & a h[alf] that was layed out vnto Tho[mas] boydens in the general [field.] [11]

11th: 10 1666 . . . the same meeting Benjamin [Crispe] did lay downe 2 acres & a halfe of wc he purchased of Thomas Boyden in the generall feild, and he had liberty by the towne to take it vp with his gratuity yt he purchased of Thomas boyden and the towne granted vnto the sd beniamin Crispe two acres and a halfe of vpland to be layed out with the rest abouesd:

A true account of all the pticuler soms of all the work done to the meeting house frame and other charges as nailes hookes & hinges glasse and pulpit et:

Inpr	for Thatch	5	0	0
It	to John morsse for thathing and getting withs	1	13	0
It	for wages for those did attend the thatcher	5	14	8
It	carting clay & stones for dawing the wall & under pinning	3	0	0
It	the dawbing of meeting house walls	4	12s	6
It	laths and nailing on	2	0	0
It	for nailes	3	12	3
It	for nailling on the clap bords	7	10	8
It	for getting the sleepers and laying of them	1	4	0
It	for planks 600 & halfe	2	18	6
It	fo seanson bords 700 & 5 foot	2	12	10
It	for laying of the lower flore at 4s 6d p 000	1	8	2
It	making doores and two payres of stares	1	0	0
It	for laying 40382 of bords on the gallery floors	2	0	0
It	for shutts for the windows and making p'uison for Mr Willard to preach till we haue a pulpitt	0	10	0
It	making a pulpitt	3	0	0
It	for glass for the windows	3	5	0
It	for 200 of bords and more nails and more work done by carting & laying seats &c	1	8	0
		50	16	10

. . . f the meeting house rate Josiah Parker [12]

Att a Town mee[tin]g held 24 10^{m} [1666.] It was agreed & by vote Declared y^{t} all the lower seates in the new meeting house that now is: should be deuided six for men & six for women, And also the two front seats of the Gallery: the best prouision that the town can prouide both for the minister and also for the people to sit upon, against the next Lords day come seauenight and euery one to be placed in their places as they shall continue for the future

Att a Generall Town meeting held 31th 10^{m} 1666 ffor better pceeding in setling seates for the women as well as for men It was agreed & by vote declared that the ffront Gallery on the north side of the meeting house should be devided in the midle; and the mens that shall be placed there; their wiues are to be placed by their husbands as they are below

£ s d

12 3 4 A rate made; 13th 5^{m} 1666 and put in to the hands of Joseph to colect, to pay these debts follow

		£	s	d
Impms	1 pound	2	10	
It	to seuerall men fo laying out highwais and other time spent for the towne use			
It	t sergent Parker	1	3	0
It	to richard Blood	00	18	4
It	John Lakins	00	12	0
It	Tho Tarball	00	18	0
It	John Page	00	16	0
It	James Knap	01	12	0
It	James ffisk	00	10	0
It	John Nutting	00	10	0
It	Joseph Parker	00	06	0
It	Joseph for the stocks and Irons to hang		12	0
I	Sam Woods	00	02	0
It	Will Longley	00	02	0
It	rich holdin	00	02	0
It	for the for the rate about first meeting falling short to pay the workers		16	0
		11	09	4
It	toe black staffe	0	3	6
I	for beanes, & a halfe bushell peck & halfe	0	16	0
		12	8	10

[18]

Att a meeting of [the] Select men held 22th . . . [1667.] It was agreed for the ꝑuenting of vnessary Charges yt might fall vpon the towne, by any Constable or any other men, that shall or may be authorized, by the towne, to gather towne rates yearly It is therefore ordered for the future, that any Constable or Constables that shall be legally Authorized from the Towne to gather rates for the vse of the towne, being Comitted vnto him or them orderly; And after due demand made of each inhabitant of this towne, that now are or after shall be from time to time: who euer they shall be that shall refuse to make payment, or to satisfy the Constabls their respectiues sumns so demanded the sd Constable or Constables are hereby Impowered to leuy a distresse vpon the goods or chattells of any man or men rusing or non paying theirs dues as aforesd; And the sd Constable is to take two shillings for euery distresse so leuyed for his fees always ꝑuided that he or they make but one distresse of any one ꝑson for any one rate, and this order was appued of by the towne to stand in force till the Towne so cause to repleale the same

Att a generall Towns meetings held 8th 3m 1667 The Towne having further agitations about a mill vnderstanding that Captaine Clerke of Boston had manifested his willingnesse to build a mill for the Towne; It was agreed & by vote declared: that There should be three men chosen to go to Mr Clerke and power giuen vnto them at the same meetings to make a firme agreement with sd Capt Clerke in the behalfe of the Towne, and the Towne did by vote declare to stand to confirme what should be inacted by them, ꝑuided they attended to the Instructions then agitatted by the Towne The Three men chosen by the towne as the Trustees are These Sergeant James Parker Corporall James Knapp & Beniamin Crispe

Att the same meetings it was declared by vote that the Towne Clerke, should in the behalfe of the town signify vnder his hand by writing vnto Captaine Clerke that the sd three men now chosen by the the towne and had full power Committed vnto them to make a firme & full agreement with him about his building a mill for the towns use [14]

[At a to]wns mee[ting h]eld 6th 6m 1667. [The t]owne hauing

another meeting about a mill [it] was agreed & by vote Declared y^t the lands & meadows granted to John prescott: for to build the towne a mill; namly the 500 acres of vpland and twenty of meadow, together with the mill should be freed from all towns charges whatsoeuer for the space of twenty years: and this was the vote of the major part of the towne that was present at this meeting: these fouer men as folloeth, manifested their Descent at y^t time

Richard Blood
Will Longley
James ffiske
Thimō Allen

At the same meeting: James Parker, James Knapp John Page & Ellis Barron were chosen, by the major p^t to agree with John Prescott & full power given them, to make a firme bargaine with him:

Att a generall towns meeting held 7th 8^m 166[7,] It was agreed & by vote declared that the rate that was formerly made for amunition should be made voide: that order was giuen to the select men to make another and to add to the former i penny vpon the acre, and the pay to be such as carry it self down to Charles Towne.

Att a meeting of the select 8th 8^mth 1667: a rate made for amunitio^n and Committed in to the hands of Joseph Parker Constable to Colect, and procure the same for the Towne use

the totall 12^£ 00

Att a generall Towns meetting held 10th 9^m 1667 It was agreed and by vote declarded to giue vnto Mr Willard our pastor for his maintenance for this present yeare beginning the 29th 7^m should haue sixty pounds, to be paid at two payments the one halfe to be paid into to him, betwixt this and the last of March next: and the other half of the pay to be paid vnto him by the last of September next after the date hereof. And for quality; the major pt of the Towne agreed y^t one third p^t each inhabitant shloud pay his third p^t of his proportion; in wheat at 5^s p bushell or porke a[t] 3 pence p pound or butter at 6 pence p pound fo . . . thirds in Indian corne

at 3s p bushelle: or other . . . at the price currant as it passeth betwixt . . . amongst ourseleues [15]

At the same [meeti]ng it wa[s voted that] Sergeant James Parker should . . . Inhabitant bring in his Just pportion . . . time and quality of pay as it is stated in the [for]mer order & that the sd James Parker shall haue full power giuen to him vnder the select mens hands to force any Inhabitant to mak payment that shall not come vp to pforme his duty aft[er] due demand and all due means used to bring him or them as abouesd

Att a generall Towns meetting held 11th 9mth 1667 The towne agreed with Thimothy Allen to swe[ep] the meetinge house & to puide water ffor the babtizing of the towns children from time to time, for this yeare ensuing, and the sd Thimothy allen is to haue twenty shillings allowed him for his labor in the next townes rate.

At the same meettinge it was agreed that the seats in the meetinge should be mad in a pleaine and desent and comly manner, and euery seuerall company (that ar now present inhabitants and as they are now placed by the towne and the Committey formerly chosen,) they should build their seates at their owne charge, And all the fronteers both aboue and below, shall be at the charge of the laying the foundation sills for the seates that are behind them; And what euer any maior pt of any company that are placed together in any seat shall agre to build their seats the minor are hereby inioyned to pay with their neighbors and it was further agreed that whereas the seates are larger than the present inhabitants do fill vp then when any shall placed hereafter in any seate or seates yt then they are hereby enioyned to pay an equall pportion to be & with those that haue laid down the pay for the building of the seates

Att meeting of the select men 21th 9th 1667 A rate made for our Pastor of 60 00 00
and put it into the hands of Serg̃ James Parker to colect

[At] the same meeting was a rate made for the Count . . . acer ii — — and Committed into the hands [of] Joseph Parker to colect [16]

[At] a meeting [of the select] men the [22 9 1667,] Rekonde with Joseph Parker both for the towne rate of 12£ 3s 4 and for the

Meeting house Rate being 19 – 00 – 06, he the sd Joseph: paying all the pticuler bills assigned to him by the select men or stated in the townes book to be paid as there remaine Due; to the sd Joseph Parker 02$^{\pounds}$ – 15 – 04 of wch summe 10$^{\pounds}$ 00 00 [£1 ?] is due to him for 2 wolves heads that he paid to the to the Indians for the towne

At the same meetinge was a towne rate made ffor to pay the Artest and the men that attended him and his diet for himself and his horse, and for two sheets of parchment, for him to mak two platts for the towne, and for Transportation of his pay all which amounts to about twenty pounds and to pay senerall other town debts that apear to us to be due; which sd rate ariseth to 9 pence p acre vpon the meadow of each inhabitant of this towne, and Comitted vnto Joseph Parker now Constable to Colect, and to discharg the aforsd debts being ordered to him by the selectmen

due to John lakin	01	00	0
James Parker, for going to boston to search to Country records and to Captain Clerke	00	15	00
due to Joseph Parker	02	15	00
ffor two sheats of Parchment	00	05	00
due James Knap for going to Cap Clerke	00	05	00

James Parker hath p'mised to Discount that 2$^{\pounds}$. 5^{s} thats due from him to the towne, in that wch is due from the town to him; & therefore the rate was laid so much lesse vpon the towne: wch sume abousd is discounted

attest MITHIAS FARNWOR[TH]

due to Thimothy Allen for sweeping the meetinge house	01	00
ffor to build a seat ffor the deaco^{n} and a seat ffor the Pastor wife	02	00

At a towns meeting held the 11th 10^{m} 1667 Samuell Dauis was chosen Constable for the yeare Ensuing. [17]

[James] Knop . . . [John] Nutting selectmen for the . . .

Item, Jno Page chosen [Town] Clerke:

Item. Rich: Blood & Thō Tarbol Senio^{r} surveyo's for ye high wayes.

Item, Tim: Allyn: Saml Kempe, & Jnō Ba[rron] chosen surveyo's of fences.

Item, Saml Wood, & Nath. Lawrence chosen to s[ee] that hogs bee legall

John Page was the fourth town clerk, and held the office during the year 1668. He was the son of John and Phebe Page, of Watertown, and removed to Groton in the year 1662. He was married May 12, 1664, to Faith Dunster, by whom he had five or six children. In the spring of 1676 he returned to Watertown, where he died probably in the year 1712.

1668. Att a towne meeting held the 11 of 9 month John Nutting was Chosen Constable for yeare insu[in]g

att the same meeting James Parker Willa longlye Beam Crispe Willa lakin Richard bl[ood] wheare Chosen select men for this yeare and Richard Blood towne Clark

att the same time Willa longlye Joseph Parker Nathaniell Law[rence] Richard blood wheare Chosen Oveseers for the high wayes

at the same time Thomas Tarball Juni willia greene Joseph gilson was Chosen oversears of fences and that swyne be ordered according to Court and towne order

At the same time Josefh parker was agreed with for [to] keep the meeting house Cleane for this y[ear] for twenty shillings

Richard Blood, the fifth town clerk, was the son of James and Ellen Blood, of Concord. He held the office during the year 1669, and lived in the district called "Nod," which is situated in the neighborhood of the cross-roads, just below the soapstone quarry. He was one of the original petitioners for Groton, and the largest proprietor in the town, owning a sixty-acre right. He was also one of the first board of selectmen chosen by the inhabitants. His wife's name was Isabel; they had five children, and perhaps more. He died on December 7, 1683. James, his eldest son, was killed by the Indians at Groton, in the autumn of 1692.

the 6 of the 10 moth in a towne meting it was voted that . . . Acommidations with all the visible estat of [the] towne is that which is to be Rated for the defraing of publick Charges Civill and eycle[siastical.]

Richard Blood Willa longlye with sum others refuse to Join with them but showing theire desent to the Contrarie

The: 8 of the 10 moth It was this day voted by the mayior part of the towne that the minist[er have] sixty fiue pounds for this yeare beginning the tewnty nine of september 68 shall shall be Raysed the one halfe vpon the Accomdations and the other halfe vpon all the visible estat of the towne will longley Richard blood and sum others declaring the Contrarie by voyt [18]

[At a gen]erall [town]e meting the . . . It was this voted by the to[wn] . . . County Court shall be . . . from the Charges of . . . so to other Courts to efect and to be Chosen for that end

At the same meting it was determined to buil[d a] bridg over stonie brook fitting for Cart[s to] pass over. as also that James knop W[illiam] lakin Richard blood ar mayd cho[ice] of to vew where the best place be for that end and what the Char[ge] may amount vnto and to haue ther p[ay] when sargent parker and Richard . . . hath theirs for going to the gener[al Court.]

5 of the first moth 68 69 At a meeting of the sele[ct] men for the dividing of heards ar so divided as th . . . yeare onely Richard Blood and . . lakin shall heard ther Cattell with there neighbors according to a towne order formaly mayd in the yeare 62

the 22 of march 68 69 Att a towne meting it was [by] vot declared that the deaken should be satisfied for in the Ratt now put into the counst[able's] hand which is tow pounds three shillings and six pence. 2 — 3

the 19 of the second moth 1669 A Rate mayd by the select men for belerica bridg Contaying the sum [of] sixtene pounds put now into the h[ands] of John nuttinge Counstable

At the same meting it was o[rdered] that sargent parker and so to . . . . lakin shall heard ther Cat[tle] together notwithstanding any order formalie to the Contrarie for this yeare [19]

[At a] town meting the second . . . by vote granted to Robert parish . . . [Park]er and timothy Couper that th[ey shall be] and now ar free Comoners for wood and timber and for there owne Cat[tle] as other men of this towne haue paying to all towne Charges according to there proportion

[Sa]me [meeti]ng formalie being an account taken of all the

grants that had bine giuen and granted and the Comitties order being fulfiled the towne did solemlie determine to take in no more but a taylear and a smith and Consedering the great Charg that hath bine vpon the present inhabitants the do now by vote declare that by way of grant or gift directlie or indirectlie as a towne and the townes mind herein declared by vote the second of June 1669. onely a smith and no other

same meting theise men gaue vnto Robert parish sum small grants of vpland as followeth

sargent parker	4 accors
will longlye	3 accors
Richard Blood	4 acors
John longlye	2 acors
James knop	1 acors
James ffiske	1 acors
matt farnworth	1 acor
John baron	1 acor
sargent lakin	1 acor
Thomas tarball senior	2 acors

this not giuen as a towne act but out of everie mans owne pertikuler Right provided hee Come and settell amonst vs a townes man and not other wayes

it was voted that our pastors maintenance should be Raysed the one halfe vpon the Acomidations and the other halfe vpon the visible estat of the towne and the sum to be sixtie fiue pounds as followeth

first to pay 30 pounds in Corne and tenn pounds in provision and what is wanting in provision to be payd in Corne and . . . tewnty fiue pounds to be payd in . . . seasonnablelye or otherwayes in Corne [20]

. . month [166]9. . . . Ratte mayd for the . . . [ge]neral towns dets the sume . . . pounds eighteene shillings and . . . put into the hands of John nu[tting.]

Att a meting of the select men the night moth 69 it is ordered that all and eu[ery] inhabitant shall from time to time p[revent] his swine from doing his neighbor [damage] either in Corne feilds medowes or a[ny] other pertikuler propritye but if any [man] or

men shall neglect his or ther du[ty] herein the shall for the first traspass [pay] Just damag according to Just valuati[on;] for the second traspass the shall pay d[ouble] damag according to a Just valuation for a third traspass a trible damage a[s] aforesayd and that this order sha[ll] stand in force till this towne se a way to efect and prevent damag by swine

A Countrie Ratte put into the h[ands] of John nutting Counstable for this yeare 1669 being the sum [of] tenn pounds sixtiene shillings

the 10 of the 9 moth 69 att a towne meting James . . . was chosen counstable for [the] yeare next insuing

At the same meting John Mos chosen towne clarke for the y[ear] insuing

John Morse was the sixth town clerk, holding the office from the year 1670 to 1676, when the town was burned by the Indians, — and subsequently during the years 1680 and 1681. He was the son of Joseph and Dorothy Morse, of Ipswich, and a native of England. He wrote a handsome hand, and was an accomplished man. At the burning of the town he was taken prisoner, but ransomed in the course of a few weeks on the payment of "about five pounds." He removed from Groton to Watertown about the year 1699.

The 15 of the 10 month 69 At a town meeting chussen [se]lect men for this year insu[ing] Will martin Sergent Parker Benjamin Crisp John Nutting John Page James knop John Morse

[A]t the Same meeting for the same year chosen for commissioners William martin Sergent Parke[r] william Longly

for Surveyers Joseph Parker Thomas Tarball senior [21]

for veiwers of fences W . . . . . Blood and John Barro[n] . . . lso at the same tim were chosen Pel[eg Lawr]ance and Joshua Whitney for [look]ing after swine to be acording to orde[r. At] the same meeting were chosen [John P]age and John Nutting by the [town] to see that Mr Willard haue maintenance duely and truly payd him and that they bring the towne a generall acquitance:

Agreed with Timothy Allen for the keeping the meeting house cleane for twenty shillings and to be payd in his town charges

The Towne voted that the men shold be payd for the laying out of John Prescots land

and also agreed vpon at the same meeting that the select men shall haue power to petition to the Court for one to marry persons in our towne

At a meting of the Select men the 27. December 1669 [I]t is orderd that all and euery Inhabitant of the Towne shall bring in a tru invoyce [o]f their pticuler estat to any one of the select men whensoeuer it is called for (or else it must be left to the discretion of the select men) or to a town meeting deputed for that end

endepted to the towne from James ffisk Thirteen shillings sixpence 0 13 6

This acknowledged to be payd by John nutting

At a meeting of the Select men Decem 27 1669 Agreed vpon that you are to make a Sufficient cart bridge ouer Sandy brook and also a Sufficient horse bridg ouer stony brook with a Raille of one side and to make a firm goeing in and out for a cart at the same brook and to mend such countrey hyewayes as doe nesisarily fall in and for pticuler hyewaye working all such as are behind are to be called vpon by the surveyers to work their due proportion answerable to those that haue wrought before and that euery man work proportionabley according to his estat and that the wayes are to be mended in the seuerall anggells of the towne and if any man or men shall willfully neglect working in any part of the hyeway after three dayes warning by the Surveyers they shall have power to hire any one in the roume of th[ose] that doe soe neglect and to mak them to pay three shill a day for euery such defect giuing the man they hire 2s 6d for his day and reseruing the other 6d for the towns vse. [22]

. . . meeting of the select men Ja 10 1[669. Or]der about fences

[T]o the intent that we may preserue loue and peace in the towne and preserue our corne from unnesisary beeing destroyed It is ordered according to power giuen to the select men to mak orders according to their best discretion as in pag 11 sexion 6 we order that all the out sid fences about all cornfeilds orchards and gardens in the towne shalbe a sufficient fiue Raill fence or that that

is in the judgment of the veiwers of the fences eqvivolent theirto and if any man refuse or neglect to mak such fences and theirby occasion either his owne or his neighbours cattell to an ill haunt which otherwise would be orderly shall forfeit to the towne for euery such default legally proued as a fine ten shillings and we doe expect that the veiwers of the fences shold atend their dutyes herin according to the law and towne order

according to that law concerning swine in page 74

for the preseruing our medowes from damage as much as may be from s[wine] that goe vpon the commons shalbe suff[i]ciently ringed from three months old and vpward with two sufficiently ring[s] in each swines nose well put in and to be ringed by the first of Aprill from tim to tim and to be continved so ringed till the last of September and to that end that they may goe sufficiently r[inged] doe order that the man or men [who] are to look after swine shold hau sixp[ence] a swine for euery swine that he or they find vnringed in the towne that is abo[ve] three months old and mak it apear le[gal]ly that he or they haue ringed them alre[ady] according to the intent of this order

we order that if any mans swine in the towne tak any mans cornfeild beeing legally proued the owners of thes swine shall forthwith sufficiently yo[ke] them or shut them vp vpon the penalty of paying double damag at the first time of damag beeing done

The owners of those swine that goe unri[nged] shall pay the sixpence to thos men that a[re] to look after the swin after legall demand

At the same meeting The select men of haue ordered for the dividing of the heard in to three heards one to begin at Willi Martins and to Nathaniell Lorances taking in peleg Lorance and Will greenes The second from samvell woods to Mathias ffarnworths taking in Richd holden and Joshua Whitney and his neigbours the Third from Will Elluees to Jam[es] Robersons and Timothy cooper

for the preseruing of wood and . . . it is ordered that for euery tr[ee] . . . that are feeld excepting p . . . within half a mile of [23] . . . body and top within one . . . is not set up or caried away . . . feit four shilling for euery such . . . for the towns vse and half to the inf[or]mer and euery such tree or trees shalbe . . . for any man to take and for any pine tr[ee] that is fallen crosse the

high way and is not taken away with a week he shalbe lyeable to the same penalty and these foure men chosen to look after these defects Joseph Parker Nathaniell Lorance Daniell pearse and Thomas Tarball Junior

At a generall towne meeting 12 of the 11th month 1669 agreed vpon voted and agreed vpon that all publik charges excepting the ministers shold be raised vpon the accomedations till the towne see good to repeall it

At ye same meting The Town haue voted and agreed vpon that Mathias ffarnworth shall mak a sufficient cartbridg ouer James brook beneath his owne house in that place wheir the surveyers shall Judg it most convenient and to mak the way sufficient as far as Benjamins Crisp['s] house with a whele against his barn in consideration for which he is to hau a parsell of land of Simon Stones from the run to rock medow path till it come to his owne line leauing a highway thorow it of six polle wid till it com to the mill way and that way that did formerly run thorow Simon Stones is now deserted and become his owne propriety

[T]he 11th o[f] Aprill [1]670 At a meeting of the select men agreed with Sargent James Parker for himself and his Son John and with James Knop to run the line betwene chelmsford and our towne with chelmsford men and they are to hau for the perfecting of the same sixteene shilling 0 16 0

At a generall towne meeting Novem 1 [1]670 It is this day agreed vpon and voted that Mr Willards maintenance and all other Towne charges shalbe raised for this present yeare the one halfe vpon accomodations and the other halfe vpon visible estate

At the same meeting agreed vpon that Mr. Willard should haue sixty fiue pound for this present yeare and a sixth pt shalbe payd in flesh provision that is to say in merchentable pork beef butter and cheese betwixt this and chrismas merchentable wheat five shill per bush barley 4s per bush rye 4s pease 4s and Indian cor[n] flesh meat to be payd . . . per pound and butter at 6 . . . [24]

Town meeting held the 12th 10 m[1670] chussen for constable James Knopp for the yeare ensuing

for select men Serg James Parker William Martin William Longley John Nutting John Pag James Knopp John Morsse

for Town clark was chussen John Morsse for the same year ensueing

for surueyers { Thomas Tarball / John Lakin } Seni

for veiwers of fences Ellis Barron: Thomas Tarball Juni James Roberson and to see that swine be according to town and court order are chussen Natha lawranc Samuell kemp

At the same meeting agreed with Timothy Allen to keep the meeting housse cleane for this following year for twenty shill — 1 0 0.

At a meeting of the sellect men janev 2 1670 concerning swine to that end that our medowes and cornfeilds may be preseued from damag as much as may be we doe order that all swine that goe vpon the commons shalbe sufficiently yoked and ringed from three months old [and] vpward from the first of aprill to the last of september and that the owners of the swine shall keep them soe during the wholle time and those men that are chusen to se that they be according to the order shall haue six pence p head for eu[ery] tim that they find them vnyoked and six pence euery time they find them vnringed half for them selues and the other half [for] the vse of the towne prouided they giu the owners of thos swine seasonable warning excepting such swine that are turned ou[er] the riuer if the towne see good

At the same meeting and agreed vpon by the towne. That all and euery inhabitant of the towne shall pay their due and full proportion to our Reuerd pastor in the seuerall kinds of it according to the agrement of the town the first half year payment to be payd at or befor the 25 of march and the other halfe to be payd at or before the 29 of septem: and they are to bring in their accounts to the Decon or to the men chusen for y^t end within the ti[me] prefixed or else they shalbe accounted delinquents

Ja 11 1670 At a towne meeting chussen for [that] end Ser: Willi Lakin and Nath Lawranc [25]

[F]eb 8 1670 At a meeting of the Sel[ect]men agreed withall an . . . meet with Boston Gentlemen for the renewing of the line betwene our town and their farmes in Massabog woods and between mashobo and our town (viz) Sergent James Parker and James knop and they are to hau 3^s p day and with Joseph Parker senior and

John Parker, and they to haue 2s—6d p day and they are to hau two qvarts of Liqvors to be giuen them for their refreshment vpon the towns account

At a generall towne meeting held febr 13 1670 It is this day agreed vpon and voted that these severall psells of land here specifid shall for euer hence forward to lye common—(viz a peice of comon land about the meeting house that ly from John nuttings Samuell kemps James Robersons Timothy cooper unto Walter Skinners and the hye way

A swamp that lye bounded vpon the land of Will Longleys Richard Blood and John page and the hye way that ly bye John Longleys

A peice of land from Samvell Dauis Willā Ellue Will longley Jonathan Sawtells Richd holden and John Mors

A peice of land that lye between Samvell Woods broad medow Jonathan Sawtell and the bay hye way

A peice of land that lye from that was Ralph Rieds lot of both sides ye brook called James brook till we com to the high way that Run from Will Ellues to the pine medow

All the swamp land lye common between Timothy Allen Josep gilson Will laken and the bridg y^t run to half moon medow

All the common land that lye from Richard blood to the generall feild that is their layd down from the river to nashaway Road

feb 17 [1]670 At a meeting of the select men for the stating and recording the hye wayes

1 Lanchester hye way from our meeting house to James his brook sixe poll wide as the Rood now lye ouer James his brook Bridge and soe to continue 6 po[ll] wide to nashaway meeting house according to the committees order

[2] A high way from this countrey Road . . . [26] . . . James his Brook till we com to the cor[ner] of Jonathan Sawtells medow m[ee]ting with the other high way

3^ly from the countrey high way by William Ellues and soe by Richard holdens purchis of Richard holden of two pooll wid for which he is satisfied for till it meet with the high way which was purchased of Samuell Dauis

4 A high way goeing out of Lanchester Rood near John pages of four poll wid so goeing into the way that goe to mill near

Benjamin crisps which high way was ptly purchased of Samuell dauis Richard holden Daniell peirce and James Knop butting vpon William Longley John Morse vpon the west and Thomas Tarball James Knop on the east and the rest of the way goeing through thos mens lots for mentioned and satisfaction giuen them to their content by the towne commitee

Perhaps the highway starting from Farmers' Row, near the "Community," passing by the District School-house, No. 2, and the late Levi Stone's, — as laid down on the map in Mr. Butler's "History of Groton," — into the Harvard road.

A high way goeing out of Lanchester roode of four polle wide goeing to the south end of the generall field lots next to James his Brook bounded south with Richard holdens swamp and medow and John Morsse north with the land of John Sawtell and Richard holden from which their goe a high way along the generall field till we com to the common land by Samuell Dauis the said way beeing four poll wid running between Richard holden and the [general] feild

The road going toward Page's Bridge.

and near about the midle of that way their goeth a high way of four [pole] wide downe the generall feild to the neck vpon the riuer

The "neck" was near the farm of the late Major Amos Farnsworth.

A high way goeing out of Lanchester Roode by thomas Tarball Junio- of four poll wid Thomas tarball of the north and Joseph Blood on the South

The road leading to the Red Bridge and Squannacook, — on the south side of James Lawrence's farm.

A high way that goe out of Lanchester Rood near the meeting house all the land that lye common vpon the head of Jonathan Crisps lot between Samuell Kemp and James Robersons lyeing for common and hy way soe runing from the end of Samuell Kemps lot between Jonathan Crisps and James Robersons and so down to the riuer

A high way that goe out of Lanchester Rood near the meeting house and soe between Timothy cooper and James Robersons and through Timothy coopers land and to James Bloods hous lot till we com to the common land and common land left for a high way between Will Longley senio= and Christopher hall and Timothy Cooper which leadeth into the high way by Jonathan Crisps lot down to the riuer

A high way that goe out of Lanchester Rood near Samvell Kemp lyeing between John Nutting and . . . runing to Broad medow . . . with the end . . . [27] so along the medow till you com to the high way coming from John Pag towards Benjamin Crisp

A high way of two poll wid goeing from Lanchester Road near to Thomas Tarba[ll's] between Richard Blood on the south and Joseph Parker on the north and so runing down to Broad medow

This goes out of some part of Farmers' Row; perhaps it is the westerly end of the Broad Meadow road.

And for the mill Road between James ffisk and Samuell Woods Run a way to the mill of sixe poll wide excepting by the house of Richard Sawtell from James ffiskes staks to Richard Sawtells house soe runing of six poll wid till we come to Matthias ffarnworths land continuing 6 poll wid to the mill leading to the mill

This is the highway leading from the "Great Road," and passing by the birthplace of Colonel Prescott, thence over James's Brook toward Harvard.

and out of that way Run a way to Rock medow near to Matthias ffarnworth and thes wayes runing thorow pt of his land ne[ar] the place wheir thes wayes are now improued

The Snake Hill road, only lately shut up to public travel.

out of Chelmsford Road goe a high way of four poll wide by Ellis barron thorow his land of four poll wide and then six poll wid into the countrey Road at way pond

Way Pond is the old name of Long Pond. The road started, perhaps, from a locality near the Ridges.

And near Richard Sawtells house on the south sid of James his

Brook a way of foure poll wid in the most convenient place to broad medow for carting of hay or driuing of cattell which way run through the land of Richard Sawtels

This road starts from the late Eber Woods's house,—as laid down on the map in Mr. Butler's History,—and runs westerly over Swill Bridge.

Also a high way runing to Broad medow betweene Richard Sawtells house and Samuel Woods thorow that piece of land that [is] already prohibited

Also a high way of four poll wid going down to Broad Medow lyeing betwene Mr Samvell Willard and William Greene

This is the easterly end of the Broad Meadow road, which then led only to the meadow. In the year 1752, two rods in width on the north side of the road was sold by the town to the Reverend Mr. Trowbridge, who owned the adjoining land.

Out of Chelmes Road goe a high way near to wheir Joshua Whitneys first house stood of four poll wid runing of that sid ferney medow to Brown loaf plain so vnto common

This is the first road below Cady Pond, and runs northerly from the "Great Road."

Another high way goeing out of the countrey high way near to Nicolas Cady going between his medow and Ser James Parkers land winding down towards Jacob Ongs house and so thorow his land and soe betwene ser Parkers land and James ffiskes land and to Brown loaf plaine

Cady lived in the neighborhood of the pond named after him, and Ong, near the late Reuben L. Torrey's house,—as given on the map in Mr. Butler's History. The road starts from Phineas G. Prescott's house, runs northerly perhaps sixty rods, to Mr. Torrey's, and then bears off easterly to Brown Loaf. The first section of it is the southerly end of Love Lane.

Another high way goeing out of the countrey high way betwixt Mr Willard and William Green goeing by Nathaniell Lawrances vnder the south sid of gibbet hill into those medows and woods

This is the beginning of the present Lowell Road, which formerly passed only on the south side of the meeting-house.

and out of that way goe another way by Thomas Smith goeing betwixt Thomas Smith and Nathaniell Lawrance and along by ser James Parkers land and into that way that leadeth from Nicolas Cadyes to br[own] loaf plain near Jackob Onges

The northerly end of Love Lane.

And out of that way a way by Natha[niel] Lawrances barne goeing into the neck . . . gat or a sufficiẽt pair of draw barrs to [be] Kept and maintained at the end [of] Natha[niel] Lawrances feild by Ser Pa[rker] . . . assignes for euer . . . [28]

. . . from tim to tim and at all times previous thos that use it shut vp the barres or gat

from the meeting house another highway out of the Countrey Road betwixt William Martins house lot and Joseph Lawrances house lot of four poll wid till it com to the medow and then soe wid as a sufficient causey determin it and from the bridg to by the half moone medow sid of foure poll wid for the vse of Willa Martin and William Lakin

Also from that causey by the pond and medow sid into the woods to Badacook a hie way

another hye way for Timothy Allen goeing out of the prohibeted land thorow Joseph Lawrances land near Timothy Allens of two poll wid

Also another hye way out of the Countrey Road by ser William Lakins befor his Dore thorow his land as it is now stated by the commitee the town chose

Also a high way out of the countrey Road by timothy Allens to Joseph Gilson and soe into the hye way that come from ser Lakins to goe to Richard Bloods

And out of that way goe a way by ser William Lakins betwixt Richard Blood and Alexander Rouse and betwixt William Longley senio- and John Lakins till we com into the common woods

Also a hye way as it is now stated thorow James Parkers medow to Mr Willards medow Robert bloods and John Nuttings

Also another high way from John Lakins [to] the meeting house as it is now stated the way by the new bridges from Nod

The words "from Nod" are in a different handwriting from Morse's. "Nod" is the old name of the district in the neighborhood of the cross-roads, below the soapstone quarry.

Also another high way from James Bloods house wheir he now dwell in to the way coming from John Lakins near the place wheir John Lakins old hous stood

Also another highway turing out of the Countrey Road neare the meeting house runing thorow Joseph Lawrances land on the south side adjoyning to Captain Parkers land of two poll wid goeing to half moone medow which was formerly Timothy Allens but now Timothy Coopers and this hye way only for his vse

An agrement betwixt Joseph Lawrance and Timothy Cooper in the year 1672

That their shalbe a hye way for the vse of timothy Cooper out of the hye way from the corner of Walter Skiffers land on the south side of Joseph Lawrances land to the medow of timothy Cooper that lye in halfe moon medow

A hye way Runing ouer James Bloods medow of two poll wid goeing to the Iland in Reedy Medow [29]

The description of the last three highways appears to have been written subsequently to the rest, but it is in Morse's handwriting.

1670 febr 28 Also a peice of land to lye common hence forward (viz) a hill calld by the name of Sheeplees hill and all the comon land that lye about it between .ye two pathes the one that come from John Lakins to the meeting house and that which goe from Jno Lakins to Reedy medow

That highway that come from the bridge to Nathaniell Lawrances lotend shalbe a open highway of four poll wid from sergent Lakins medow to Nathaniell Lawrances lot betweene sergent James Parkers land and that land that was left out of of the sd sergent James Parkers by Nathaniell Blods house shalbe layd downe for the vse of the town and former record of shuting vp of barres shalbe mad annulle

I think that this highway formerly ran on the west side of Gibbet Hill, from the present Lowell road to the Martin's Pond road.

Only their is a liberty left for opening or shuting of this high by the commitee chussen and the neighbourhood when the towne see case that their is more neadfull for the leaueing of it open then it is aduantag to sergent Parker or any other they are to leau it open againe and the commitee hau receiued full satisfaction for all the coĩon land that lye vpon the west and northwest sid of gibbet hill except the hye way and the hye way is left four poll wid from sergent Parkers line from the swamp along the medow sid to the bridg swamp from the medow and that skirt of land that was sergent Parkers by the meeting housse is determined by the commitee to lye coĩon for euer

Also a hyeway that lye thorow Joseph lawrances land down to halfe moone medow is satisfied for

and the hyeway by Nathaniell Bloods is satisfied for

Also the hyeway from Nicolas Cadyes leading to brown loaf plain is enlarged of of sergent parkers land — also half an acre taken of sergent parkers land at the north east of end of Gibbet hill for the streitening of Nathaniell Lawrances line [30]

At a meeting of the select men febr 24 1670 Agreed vpon for the diuision of the heard into three heards one to begin at Mr Willards to Mathias ffarnworths taking in Thomas Boydon and Jackob onge and Nathaniell Lawrance and they ar to goe out with their heard 2 dayes in the week by James ffiske 2 dayes by Ellis barron and 2 dayes by Matthias ffarnworth and so to Rock medow

The second heard to begin at sergent parkers to William Lakins taking in John Lakin Richard blood and James blods.

The third to begin at Timothy cooper and James Robersons to William Ellues taking Richard holdens the walk the second heard is to goe out by Nathaniell Lawrancs and by sergent lakins and Richd bloods and into vnquetenorset woods all these seuerall angles of the town are to heard if they can agree to hire a heards man the major p^t so agreeing

At a generall towne meeting febr 27 70 Agreed vpon and voted that this last order about swine made by the select men shalbe made voyd and of noe effect

Also agreed vpon at the same meeting that all thos seats that are yet to build in the meeting house shalbe built in a generall way also a commitee chussen to treat with thomas Boydon to build them

(viz) Sergent James Parker corporall Knop John Pag Ellis Barron and Nathaniell lawrance

At a town meeting held the 23 6^{m} 1671 It was agreed and by vote declared that Samuell Scriptur shalbe an inhabitant amongst vs and for his Incoridgment these men haue giuen him some small grants of vpland as followeth

Will Martin	1 acre
Serg Parker	2 acres
Rich Blood	2 acres & half
Will Longley	1 acre
Ellis Barron	1 acre
John Page	1 acre
Christo hall	1 acre
John Longley	half an acre

At the same meeting agreed vpon that vpon the warning of any town meeting the seuerall perticulers that shalbe agetated vpon and that shalbe the work of that day shalbe brought in in writing and read by the clark at the begining of the meeting [31]

At a Generall towne meeting held October 16 1671 This day agreed vpon by the towne and voted that Mr Willard shall haue sixty fiue for this year ensueing and that he shall hau his wholl yeares pay by the latter end of december and the maner of his pay followeth one third p^{t} of his pay in prouision and english corne and those that cannot pay in prouision and in english corne they are to pay their Indian corne at two shill and three pence the bushell soe as to answer that third pt of their pay which was to be payd in English corn and prouision and the rest of their pay they are to pay at prise currant (that is) their Indian corne — 3^{s} per bush wheat 5^{s} per bush^{ell} — pease Rye barley at 4^{s} per bush and pork and beeffe at 3^{d} per pond and for the maner of their payment to be raised as it was the last year the one half vpon the accommodations and the other vpon the estate

At the same meeting were chusen Sergent william lakin and nathaniell lawrance and that they shall se that Mr Willards pay shalbe brought in and faithfully payd to him according to the agreement of the towne

At a Generall towne meeting held Decem 11 1671 chussen for constable Ellis Barron for that yeare insuing

And for select men Sergent James Parker William Martin William Lakin John Page James Knop Elis Barron John Morsse and for town clark John Morsse

for surveyers Nicolas cady Thomas Tarball Juni Jonathan Sawtell and Natha Blood

for veiwers of fences Daniell Pearse Thomas Smith Jonathan Morss Joseph Lawrance

At the same meeting the towne reserued in their own hands for the ordering of the heards And for sweeping the meeting house agreed with timothy Allen for Twenty shillings for this following yeare Also agreed vpon at the same time and voted that the envoyce shalbe taken the first week of the sixth month and so to stand for the making of all town and ministers rates

At a meeting of the sellect men janevary 18, 1671 Concerning the surveyers agreed vpon by the select men for the diuiding of their seuerall sqvadrons and for the calling out of their men to work that is within their seuerall sqvadrons as is exprest in their seuerall papers The dayes they are to work is four dayes for this year excepting they can mak it apear that they . . . [32]

At a Towne meeting held Sept 16 1672 It was agreed vpon and by vote declared that their shalbe a commitee chusen by the towne which Committee shall haue power to seat euery man according to their best discretion and that euery man shall pay to the value of the seat they sit in the seates also beeing valued according to their proportion and disproportion by this committee chussen and the committee chussen and the names of the men are these

Sergent Parker
Sergent Lakin } and { James Knop
Tho- Tarball } { John Morsse

Att a generall Towne meeting held Octo 14 1672 It was this day agreed vpon and by vote declared that Mr Willard shall haue for this present year eighty pound and the maner of his pay as followeth a third part of his pay a followeth In english corne and prouision wheat at fiue shil p bushell Rye barley and pease at four shill pr bushell pork and beefe at 3^{d} p pound and all such as cannot pay his third part of his pay in english corn and prouision they shall pay In Indian corn at 2 shill p bushell and the

remainder of his pay In Indian Corn at 3 shill p bushell his fire wood also aboue his eighty pound

and furder these persons here set downe doe promise and Ingage to git Mr Willard hay mowing making and fetching home for eight shilling p load at a seasonable time (viz) in the midle of Jully

Sergent Parker		Timothy Allen
Rich. Blood		Ellis Barron
James ffiske		Thomas Smith
Tho. Tarball Se	and	John Morsse
sergent Lakin		Joseph gilson
Rich. holden		Pelleg Lawrance

At the same meeting and by vote declared that Major Willard shalbe a fre commoner amongst vs for feed for cattell wood and timber

At a generall towne meeting held The 7th of the 9th month 1672 It was this day agreed vpon and by vote declared that all Inhabitans in the towne shalbe seated in the meeting house according to a rulle of proportion impartially (by the towne or by a committee chussen by the towne) according to their best discretion and the seates to be valued and each man to pay according to the seat they sit in and they are to place in the seats below in the body of the meeting house sixe persons in a seate and to fill vp the first and second seat first and to sit fiu persons vnder the window and five persons in a seat in the front gallery and eight persons in a seat in the east and west gallery — the persons that are first to be seated are maried persons and also such single persons as may and ought according to a rulle of proportion be seated with them and the other young persons to be seated till they haue filled vp all the seates that are [33] already builded and all such persons as want seates after this done they haue liberty granted to them by the towne at the sam meeting to build them themselves or their parents for them at their owne cost and charge in such a place or places as are thought most meete and convenient by the towne and those that are to build them and the towne haue voted to submit to the comitees order herein

and the commitee chussen by the towne at the same time the persons are as followethe

Sergent Parker		James Knop
Richard Blood	and	John Morsse
Joseph Parker		

At a Generall towne meeting held Nouember 13 1672 It was this day agreed vpon and by vote declared that the remainder of the pay that is still behind for the building the seates in the meeting house shalbe raised in a generall way notwithstanding all other actes done to the contrary either by towne or commitee

William Longley seni descenting

At a meeting of the select men no 13 72 A Towne rate made for the defraying of seuerall towne depts and put into the constables hand to gather (viz)

for shuts for the windows of the meeting house	1	0	0
for pay for the coĩmitee chussen to se that non Incroach vpon the towne common	1	16	0
for pay for a woalfes head to John Nutting	0	10	0
for taking an Invoyse	0	3	0
And for Timothy Allen	0	5	0
And for expenses for towne and countrey	0	15	0

At a Generall town. meeting decem 10 1672 chussen for constable for this next year Richard Holden

And for the sellect men

Major Willard, Sergent Parker, William Longley, James ffiske — and — John Page, James Knop, John Morsse

for surueyers Thomas Tarball seni. Nathaniell Lawrance

for veiwers of fences Joseph Gilson & Jacob Onge

for to look after swine to se that they be according to order James Blood & Joseph morsse [34]

At a meeting of the sellect men Janevary 10 1672 a committe chussen to meet with concord committe chussen by the generall court to shew them the south line and the line runing between groaten and the new plantation and the nam[es] of the men are these

Sergent Parker . James ffiske
James Knop

At a Generall towne meeting held Janevary 13 1672 This day agreed vpon and by vot declared that their shalbe a commit chossen

for to seat the persons in the meeting house according to their best discretion and at the sam time a commitee chosen and their names are thess

Maior Willard, Sergent Parker, James ffiske } and { sergent Lakin, John Lakin

and at the same meeting it was agitated and voted that all the prohibitated land shalbe proportioned and layd out to the severall Inhabetants now in beeing proportionable according to what they pay in their publik charges as shall apear in mr willards rate only Cornelius Church Peleg Lawrance John Cooll and Samuell Scriptur are to haue a proportion out of it the surveying of it and the laying of it out is commited into the hands of a committe and they ar as followeth

sergent Parker Richard Blood
and John Lakin

Agreed vpon at the same meeting that those men that layd out the hye wayes shalbe payd 2 — 6 per daye

At a meeting of the sellect men febr 12 1672 It was this day agred vpon that their shalbe three heards the catell shalbe diuided into three heards the one Reaching from Matthias ffarnworths and so long the neck to James fiskes and along till we come to Pelleg Lawrances which heard is to goe out by Indian hill by James ffisks and the south side of Rock medow

The second heard to begin at samuell Woods taking nath. Lawrances and thomas smith and to goe along till we come at Thomas Williams and William Longley taking in John Lakins and his neighbors catell and they are to goe out with their heard by Nathaniell Lawrances and into vnquetenorset woods by Serg lakins and William Longleys and Richard bloods

The third heard to begin at timothy [Coo]pers and along the west sid of broad medow to Jonathann Sawtells taking in the catell of Richard holden and Justin and they likewise are to goe into vnquetenorset woods if the se case [35] These severall angles are to hire their heards man if the major part of any company agreeing theirto the minor are to submite

Concerning Swine

At the same meeting it was ordered to that end our medowes

and cornfeilds should be preserued from damage it is ordered that all swine that goe vpon the common from three year [month *interlined*] old and vpward shalbe ringed with two sufficient rings in each swines nose well put in and to be ringed by the tenth of March and so continue from time to time till the last of september and to that end they may be soe we doe furder order that those men that are chusen to look after swine shall haue sixepence a swine for euery swine that they find vnringed in the towne from three months old and vpward and mak it apeare legally that he or they haue ringed them already according to the intent of this order

And furder we doe order that if any mans swine in this towne tak any mans cornfield beeing legally proued the owners of these swine shall forthwith sufficiently secure them by yoking them or shuting them vp vpon the penalty of paying double damage after the first time of damage beeing done

At a meeting of the sellect men febr 26 72 Agreed vpon by the sellect men that this division of land which is granted by the towne to the seuerall Inhabitants shalbe as followeth by proportion their shalbe one acre to one shill- disbursement in mr Willards Rat and we doe also agree that of this land that was prohibited shalbe only Indian hill and the hill behind Nath. Lawrances

and we doe furder agree that euery Inhabitant shall haue an equall proportion in these lands according to disbursements in mr Willard rat and for the rest of their proportion shalbe else wheir wheir it is most convenient for them either Joyning to their medowes or of Oake land on this sid the Riuer

only Mr Willard shall haue a proportion to a forty shilling disbursement — the town consenting here to

Also agreed vpon by the sellect men at the same meeting that all such as haue taken in any of the towns land by Incrachment as haue bin determined by the commitee chussen for that end they shall turne it out to the comon again by the 25 of march next after the date heir of vpon the penalty of all charges that they shall put the town to for the vindecating their own right

and a committe chussen for that end to see it done is Sergent Lakin Corporall Parker and Daniell Pearsse

At a meeting of the select men Janeuary 10 1672 a commite chussen to meet with concord men chelmesford men and Robert

blood to lay out the way to the bay betwene this and the spring wheir it is most passable and the commite are maior willard sergent parker James knop The maior hauing not tim to atend it Richard Blood is chussen by the towne in his roume at a towne meeting march 17 72-73 [36]

At a Generall towne meeting held March 7 1672-73 It was this day agreed vpon and by vote declared that diuisions of land shalb[e] acording to our first grants that all publik charges from this day forward shalbe raised in that way according to the commites order and our first seauen years payment

Richard Blood and William Longley senior descenting

Also agreed vpon and by vote declared that these seuerall psels of land here specified shall from hence forward lye comon

1 A peice of comon land about the meeting house Bounded by John Nuting Samuell Kemp James Roberson Timothy cooper Walter Skinner and the hye way

2 A swamp that lye by John Longley Bounded by the land of William Longley se- Richard Blood John Page and Lanchester hye way

3 A peice of land that lye Bounded by Samuell Woods Broad medow Richard Sawtell and the Bay hye way

4 All the Swamp that lye Bounded by Joseph Gilson Timothy Allen William Lakin and ye Bridge that Run to halfe moone medow

These last four votes appear to be a repetition of what was done at the town meeting, held February 13, 1670.

At a meeting of the sellect men Wheiras by the prouidence of god the Goodwife Onge beeing in a sad condition and her case requiring constant care and Inspection with present charge and wheras the select men in whose care it lyes liuing remote and hard on all ocasions to be caled together theirfor we doe desire and impowre Sergent parker and James ffiske as a commitee to Inspect and tak care vpon nesisary ocasions of the woman and her child and in case more then ordinary herein they are to acquaint the rest of the select men that so this sade prouidence of god may bee caryed on with christianity and as much ffrugalitye as may be for the towns ease

This 5th: 4th mō 1673

At a meeting of the ssellect men may 28 73 Sergent Parker and corperall knop wer chussen a comitte to meet with lancaster men for the altering the high way to lancaster [37]

Wedensday 4 of June 1673 fforasmuch as the countrey hye way as it was formerly layd out by Lankaster and groaten vpon seuerall yeares triall, proued to be very insufficient and very difucult to be made passable in regard it was for the most part lyeing in the Intervailes wheirin their are seuerall soft places and litle brookes vpon which bridges and other mater for making the same passable is apt to be raised and torne vp by floods and vpon experiance of the same Lancaster made aplication to groaten for Remouing of the said way to Run more vpon the vpland which was Readily atended and John Prescott seni- and Roger Sumner for Lancaster and sergent Parker and corperall Knop for groaten wer chuse committe by both to townes to lay out the said hye way as aforsaid which was atended the day aforsaid as followeth (viz) first within the bounds of groaten they toke their begining at their meeting house to the mille of Jonas Prescott by Matthias ffarnworths his house six Rods wide turning of out of the common mill way near twenty Rod aboue the mille and then it Runs 4 Rode wid through the land of the aforsaid Jonas Prescott acording as it is described by trees marked by the men aforesaid and from the said Jonas Prescotts land to penicooke Riuer in Lancaster through swan swamp 6 Rod wide as it is already marked out by the comitte aforsaid and from the way aforsaid butting vpon Penicook near to the night pasture wading place, they tak the way as it is left in width through the Intervayle and ouer nashaway bridge and soe to the meeting house and as it is to be vnderstood that the way within lancaster bounds Runes neare the mideway betweene the brook medow and plumtrees medowes ouer a hill called Mahaneknits hill and soe along on the vpland to the pond path as it Runes near to the Still Riuer medow and Josiah Whits medow vntill it come to the Swan Swamp path as aforsaid and to the confirmation hereof the comitte aforesaid haue here vnto put their hands the day and year aboue said

JOHN PRESCOTT
ROGER SUMNER
JAMES PARKER
JAMES KNOP

The Twenty shillings due to andrew the Indian from the towne for his warre at stonny brook assigned by the sd Indian to Richard Blood the sd Richard Blood assigne it ouer to Leiftennant James parker

At a towne meeting no 19 1673 By the agrement of the towne Jonas Prescot is to grind the towns corne for the towne euery second day and euery sixth day in euery weeke [38]

At a Generall Towne meeting held no: 19 1673 This day agreed vpon and by vote declared that Mr Willard rat shalbe raised ptly by vissible estat and partly by accomodations whatsoeuer votes han past formerly to the contrary as also it was agreed vpon that euery man hence forward shall haue their draughts of land according to their disbursements and those y^t haue them not shall haue them mad vp and that he shall haue eighty pound for this present yeare and a fourth part of this payment to be payd in money and the other sixty pound to be payd in all sorts of graine at price currant as the court haue determined and in prouision — and ten pound for his firewood which is to be payd in by tim preffixd and if not then to pay their proportion in corne or prouision and also agreed vpon that this twenty pound in money is to be payd in to Capt Parker and to Richard Blood by th last of August or the first of septem- next — as also henceforward he shall haue a quarter of his payment in money yearly

At a Town meeting nouem- 24 1673 Graunted vnto Alexander Rousse by the Towne ten acres of vpland

At a Generall Town metting December 10 1673
ffor constable William Longley Seni
ffor Select men

Major Willard Capt parker Leif Lakin Serg ffisk	and	John Morss Serg knop John page

ffor Surveyers

Richard holden John Page	and	Serg Lakin John nutting Se

ffor veiwers of fences

Corperall Cady Joseph Morse Timothy Allen Justin holden

ffor to look after swine that they be according to law and towne order Jonathan Sawtell Samuell Kemp

At the same meeting their was a finall agreement betweene the towne and Samuell Davis concerning the differance that was about his lands that is to say thus that samuell Davis hau Ingaged to rest satisfied and mak noe more disturbance about his lands prouided the bounds doe continue as they were befor they were defaced by the last committe to wit Richard blood and John pag and that he doe Inioy those three psells of land in the generall feild in the south squadron of lots namely that which was John Nutting and James Knops and Thomas Tarballs seni and simon stones that he had of captain parker and that samuell Dauis is to shew the commite the markes of these lots the last specified and they are to renew them and this being done samuell Dauis doe acknowledge [him]selfe fully satisfied for all diuision [of] lands that was due to him from the begining of the towne to this present [39]

and now we doe agree to giu him a Record of his lande

SAMUELL DAUIS—

John Morsse in the name of the towne

At the same meeting Timothy Alen was agred withall by the towne to swep the meeting house for the year following for twenty shil

Decem 13 73 The Towne committe haue condescended vpon Samuell Dauises request to enterchang two psells of land specified in the former agrement to wit that which he had of Thomas Tarball senior and simon stone and they are to be Joyned to the south sid of the line of that diuision of land lyeing by his house from the hye way on the east sid soe downe to the River

SAMUELL DAUIS

JOHN MORSE clark
WILLIAM LONGLEY
JOHN PAGE
RICHARD HOLDEN
marke R
JUSTIN HOULDIN

At a meeting of the sellect men Janeva 13 1673 It was then agreed vpon and by vot declared that all such towne hye wayes regulerly layd out and marked out with the townes marke all the wood and timber vpon these hye wayes soe marked from halfe a foote and vpward at the Stub walnut trees and pine trees only exempted shalbe reserued for mending of hye wayes and other publik work and that noe man shall ffell any such tree or trees vpon the penalty of ten shillings a tree

It is furder agreed vpon that that order concerning swine bearing date the year 69 shall stand for this present yeare

And to the end that each Inhabitant of this towne may Injoy the benefit of his own medow and prevent censuring of and beeing troubled each with others for the eating vp each others medows we doe order that if any of our Inhabitants shall haue nead to let their catell goe out to feed befor their be grasse vpon the vpland that they shall keep them vpon their owne medows or any of the towns comon and not vpon any mans medow that is in propriety without their leaue who is the proprietors their of vpon the penalty of paying sixepence a beast euery time that any catell be found vpon any mans medow either vnder the hand of a keeper or otherwise and this to continue till the later end of haytime

for hearding of Cattell the agreement of the sellect men it is that the catell in the towne shalbe diuided into three heards as it was the last yeare and what euer the maior pt of any company agree vpon the minor part is to consent theirto

At a generall towne meeting held Janevary 16 1673 At the same meeting William Longley seni was fred and Jonathan Morss was chussen constable [40]

At the same meeting Capt Parker Leiftenant Lakin and Serg Knop were chussen for a commitee to lay out the diuisions of land on the other sid of the Riuer both of vpland and Enteruaill to euery man their proportions and to butt it and bound it ssufficiently and to mark it so as they may see from mark to marke and they are to haue for their labour one half penny an acre for the vpland and one penny half penny for the enteruaille

At a Generall Towne meeting held December 11 1674 William Longley sene chusen constable for the year ensueing

capt Parker serge ffisk serge Knop ensine Lawrance Matthias ffarnworth serge Lakin John Morsse chussen for sellect men

John Morsse chussen Towne Clark
Chussen for ssurveyers Thomas Tarbell sen and Samuell woods for veiwers of fences John Nutting sene and William Greene

At a Generall Towne meeting decem 21 74. Granted to William Longley ju- that he shall haue liberty to fell those trees that stand by his fence shading his corn to the sume of 3 or 4 and tha he will giu the Towne as many trees for mending hye way worke

A Rate made for the countrey treasurer
the sume containing ——— 14—10—0
and commited into the constable Jonathan Morses his hand to gather and to giu an account of the principle and how he discharged the bills to the sellect men to bring an acquitance 1674

A Rat made for the county treasurer the sume containing 4—1—5 and commited into the hands of the constable William Longley se- to gather and to return the rest of the pay back again to the towne

Captain Parker payd ten pound the barell of powder
discharging Timothy Allen —1—0—0
for sweeping the meeting house and his own bill discharged at a meeting of the sellect men 30 10 m°—1674

At a meetting of the sellect men febr 11 74 for hearding of cattell It was then agred vpon that euery Inhabitant shall heard their catell that is to heard according to law and that they shalbe diuided into three heards

The first heard beginning at Samvell Woods reaching to William Longley and to serg Lakin and his neighbours taking in Nathaniell bloo[d] with the rest of those that liue their with Ensigne Lawrance and Thomas Smith

The second heard begining at Sergent ffiske and driuing out by Pelleg Lawrance taking in cattell belonging to the neck to matthias ffarnworth taking in the catell of John Barron

The third heard to begine at Timothy Cooper and along the west side of Broad medo[w] to Jonathan sawtell takin in the catell [of] Richard holden and Justin [41] and that these seuerall angles shall heard prouided they doe their best endeavour to hire a heardsman and in case they cannot hire a heardman for 12 shill p week that company is at their liberty whither they will heard or how prouided their cattell doe not exceed abou a 100

At a meeting of the Sellect men febr 22 74 concerning swine It was then agreed vpon that the same order that was made in the year 69 shall stand for this present year

At the same meetting at the request of Matthias ffarnworth thir was a committe chussen to veiw a piece of land that he desire by way of exchaung with the towne or otherwis that may be for his convenience and to bring the report to the towne and the land lye from the Bridg by his own house along his own land to Justin holdens land on both sids James Brook and he is to satisfie the committe for their paynes if they desir any thing

and the names of the committe are sergent Knop Thomas Tarball sen. Benjamin Crispe Ellis Barron se. Daniell Pearse

as also It is agreed vpon that noe man shall put away any of their catell from any of these seuerall companyes as they are now stated by the sellect men vntill they haue done their best endeavour to hire a heardsman as before for twelue shill p week vpon penalty of paying the full prise as the rest of their neighbours for specya and tim

At a Towne meeting March 3 74–75 granted vnto Nicolas Cady a small peice of land by way of exchaung at brown loaf plaine adjoyning to his owne land y^t he had of Captain parker for a peice of land the same quantyty at browne loaf medow

At the same meeting graunted to Thomas Smith a peice of land of forty poll by way of exchaunge below his house adjoyning to his own land in the corner next to Samuell Woods and William Greenes land

At a meeting of the sellect men march 3 1674–75 chusen Captain Parker serg Knop and Justin holden to renew the bounds between moshobo and our bounds And also chusen to lay out a hye way betweene Dunstable and this Towne captain Parker and serg Knop

At a meeting of the sellect men Jully 2 Jully 22 75 a rat made for the defraying of the charg of the ware and put in to the hand of William Longley constable to gather the sume 23^l. 14^s. 4 added 7 shill more than the Just proportion [42]

At a Generall Town meeting held October 20 1675 Agreed vpon and by vote declared that our Reuerand Pastor shall haue

eighty pound for this present year sixty l in Corne and prwisi[ons] forty pound of it to be payd betwixt this and ye twenty fiue of December next ensueing and the other 20l to be payd in the spring of the yeare vnlesse god by some speciall prouidence Doe preuent and the other 20l to be payd in money the last of august or the first of september in the year 1676

and 40 cord of wood to be proportioned according to euery mans proportion to be caryed in now pressently

At a Generall Towne meeting held no. 8 1675 It was this day agreed vpon and by vote declared that their should be a committe chussen to treat with Mr Willard about sending down to the generall court to Enforme and supplicat to them that we may haue payd to vs what is our due from the countrey and also that the Billit of the souldiers may be vpon the countreys account and also agreed vpon that if this would not doe for to stand it out at law with them

and the commitee chussen was Capt Parker Leiftenant Lakin William Longley seni. John Page

At a Generall Towne meeting held Decem 9 75 It was this day agreed vpon and by vot declared that the soldiers that are still remaining in the town shalbe continued in the towne at the town charg till such tim as we hear a returne from the army goei[ng] against the naroganset and then the towne to meet againe to consider what is furder to be done

At a Generall Towne meeting held Dec 10 1675 Chussen for constable for that yeare following William Greene

for sellect men Capt Parker: Leiftenant Lakin William Longley se. Serg^t ffisk John Morsse

for surueyers Thomas Tarball sen. Samuell Woods

for veiwers of ffences John nutting sen. Corporall Cady [48]

This is the last record of any meeting held before the destruction of the town by the Indians, March 13, 1676. The inhabitants then were compelled to forsake their homes, and did not return until the spring of 1678.

At a generall town metting of the inhabitants of groaton warned by Captin Parcer leftenant lacin insine lorranc and Goodman

morse and asembled at Concord the (12th) of the (10th) munth: 1677: Such as wear present did then and thear agree that if the prouidenc of god preuent not by death or sicknes or by the Enimy that then we will goo vp in the spring follooing and begin to Repayer our habitations againe if god parmitt and for ye true purphormanc of this agrement we doe ingeage the forfiture of our wholle Right in groaton unto those that doo goe vp and cary on the work and to this agrement we heaue hear sett to our hands

JAMES PARKER sen
RICHARD BLOOD
WILLIAM LAKIN
NATHANNIL LAWRENCE
JONATHAN SAWTELL
JOHN MORSSE
JAMES KNAP
SAMUELL WOOD
his ⌐ mark
NATHANELL BLUD
his ⌇ mark
THOMAS TARBALL
JOHN TARBELL
JOHN PARISH
PELEG LORRANC

Voatted that all publick charges for this present year insuing shall be Raysed vppon the furst deuision of land: grantted or acomidation of lands:

chosen to warn a town metting goodman blud leftenant lakin sargent knop Insine lorranc & thomas tarball Seneyer this metting to be the furst thuseday in marche and this metting . . . town offisers to nominat . . . other publick charges this metting to be at groaten [44]

The meeting mentioned in the following entry was undoubtedly the first one that was held subsequently to the return of the inhabitants after the destruction of the town. It was probably on "the furst thuseday in marche," 1677–8, which day fell on the fifth of the month. The record is signed with the name of James Parker, senior, though neither the record

nor the signature are in his handwriting. There is some resemblance, however, between it and that of his son, Josiah, who, a few years later, was the town clerk.

[*Date torn off.*]

At a general towne meeting of the inhabitants of Gro[ton] warned we did then and thar agre and by desair that the publick charges should be raised for this present year upon the furst deuishan of medow and in whaus handes soeuer ye furst deuishan shall apeer to be he or thay shall pay ye charges that dus arise upon them

Jonathan Morses desent

That pees of land that lyes betwen Samuell Wodes land and the high way y^t^ goes to ye bay and the highway that gos to sargant knapes end is granted to Jonas prescot or his brother Jonathan prescot prouided ether of them come and buld and liue up on it betwen this and next winter and ther is to be a cart way in it to broad medow:

JAMES PARKER sen.
in the name of the select men. [45]

James Parker, the seventh town clerk, was one of the original proprietors of Groton and a distinguished man in his day. He held the office during 1678 — the year of the return of the inhabitants who had been driven off by the Indians — and 1679. A petition, dated May 20, 1679, is found at the State House, among the Massachusetts Archives (LXIX. 224), which is signed by him as town clerk, though his election does not appear in the records. He was one of the first board of selectmen chosen by the inhabitants, at which time he is called Deacon; subsequently he is styled Sergeant and afterwards Captain. His house lot lay on both sides of the principal street in the village, just south of the small stream which to this day is called James's Brook, named after him. The house was one of the garrisons during King Philip's War, and it was with Captain Parker that the Indian chief, on the night of March 13, 1676, talked, as mentioned in Hubbard's "Narrative." In advanced life he married for the second time, and had a daughter born after he was eighty years old. He died in 1701, aged about eighty-four years, leaving a will dated

May 25, 1700, in which he mentions a large number of children and grandchildren, after providing for the daughter of his old age.

The following names of the original proprietors of Groton are found on a loose leaf, and appear to be in the handwriting of the person who made the records for James Parker, given on the preceding page. For that reason the list is printed in this place. The figures indicate the number of acre-rights owned by each individual:

The furst Grant of enery man in this town

Cap[t] James Parker	050
Willam Marting	20
Sargunt Lacken	20
Lef[t] Willam Lacken	20
Robard Blood	20
Richard Blood	60
James Blood	20
Joseph Blood	10
Thimothey Alen	20
John Page	20
Willam Longely sener	30
John Longly	10
Sam Daues	20
Mat farnneth sener	20
Thomas tarball sener	20
Richard satall	20
James fiske	20
John Lawranc	20
M[r] Willard	20
Richard holding	18
Simon Stone	18
John Nutting	17
James Knop	15
John Clarey	15
Ralph Read	15
Elas baran	15
Joseph Parker	20

John Mors	12
Nathanell Lawranc	10
Danell Pearce	10
Willam green	14
Samuell Wods	11
Thomas Boyeden	07
John Baran	07
James Robson	07
Ben garfell	10
Christephor hall	10
Joseph Morse	05
Willam Elue	05
Jonathan Satall	05
Jonathan Crisp	08
Joshua Whitney	08
Jacob Onge	06
Thomas Tarbull Juner	06
Joseph lawranc	05
John Paresh	05
Joseph gilson	09
Water Sciner	09
Thomas Willams	05
Just holding	07
Zachariah Satull	10

groton the. 4. 6. mo^{nth}. 1679 at a meeting of ye select men thay deed agree that all the swine in shall be yoked from this time to the last of Sabtember next y^{e} are to be yoked, by ye tweluet of this month, and Joseph parker sen and willam longly Juner are choues to see y^{t} swine are sofishantly yoked by the time & if ye find them unyoked y^{e} are to yoke them and to haue six penc a swine for yoken them to be payed by the oners of ye swine

at the same meeting the select men chouesen willam green and samuell woods to uiew ye fences in the towene to see whether thay are sofishant acording to towene order y^{t} is a sofishant fiue raile fenc or y^{t} which is equelint and thay shall be payed acording to law [46]

Desember—the 11—79 att a towne meting in groto[n] it was agreed for the yeare insuing provided that the towne due bilde a meting house then fiftie pounds for this yeare

At a towne meting the 23 Desembr the select Chosen Captayne parker leiutenant lakin sargin lakin ensgne larrence sargin knop Richard blud john Mos he being the towne Clarke

December the 30 Att a towne meting was granted to Jonas prescat six accors of land liing betwene matthias and Justin houlden he being liable from this time forward to pay for a ten acors acomedations

This is to testifie that I Jonas prescot of groton haue Changed this granted land with matthias farnorth of The same towne for sicth accors and a quarter more or less ling vpon the indian hill over against Thomas boyden

The entries from December 11 are in Richard Blood's handwriting.

John Morse, the sixth town clerk, was also the eighth in the order of succession, holding the office during the years 1680 and 1681.

At a towne meeting Jun 8. 80 it was agred that that meeting vpon december 30 it was noe town meeting

At a generall Town meeting held June 8 1680 It was this day declared and by a majer part by vot declared that the meeting house shall stand wheir the other meeting house or some wheir their about.

It was also the same day and at the same time voted that the meeting house shall stand some wheir betwene Mr hubards house and the Brook by the Captains

At the same meeting chusen for surveyors

Nicolas Cady	William Green
Jonas Prescot	John Parish

for viewers of fences

Samuell Woods	John Barron

At a Generall Town meeting held Jun 8 1680 At the same meeting was giuen to Thomas Beall of linn tanner ten acres of land by the town prouided he come and liue among them and he not alienating nor selling it

At the same meeting was giuen to Joshua Wheat the same priuiledg that was giuen to Thomas Smith (viz.) that he shall hau a quarter of an acre on this sid the run Joyning to his own line

A small slip of land granted to William Longley juni: of about 20 poll of land adjoyning to his owne land bounded by the hye way:

A small slip of land granted by the towne to Samvell holden of about forty or fifty poll Bounded by a whit Oak tre which stand by the hye way sid and soe Run along by the hye way till it com to a heap of Burches about 2 poll from that which is our proper mark a walnut tree [47]

June 15 1680 on a training day Granted vnto Jonas Prescot that hee should tak vp a peice of land at stony Brook in referance to the siting vp of a mill their and he is to tak it vp on the right hand of the Bay path adjoyning to the pond and he is not to com over the path and he is to run from Chelmesford lin to the lin of Serg^t Knop and so much as he tak vp their he is to lay down as much again at one of the ends of his land that lye wheir the mill now standeth 2 acres for one at stony Brook and he is to be at the charg of taking vp and laying downe of the one and of the other

At a meeting of the select men noumbr 1 1680 John Pag and John Morsse chussen to tak the enuoys of the towne [48]

10 of the 10th m^o 1680 for 81 At a generall towne meetting held

ffor constables chussen

Jonas Prescott William Longley

ffor sellect men for the year ensuing

Ensigne Lawrance John Morss Jonathan Morsse

Jonas Prescott serg Knop William Greene Joshua Whitney

ffor Town clark Jno Morsse

ffor Clark of the writes

ffor Sealler of weights and measurs Jonathan Sawtell

ffor Survyers for this yeare

Henry Willard and Samuell Woods

ffor veiwers of fences and to see that swine bee ringed and yoked

John Nutting and Obadia Sawtell

A committe chussen to veiw and to giue Instructions to the ssellect men to act in town affaires. which men are Capt Parker Richard Blood Leiftenant Lakin Serg^t Lakin John Page

ffor Tithing men John Pag Henry Willard James Parker ju: John Barron sworne 22 10 m^o 80

At the sam meeting it was agred vpon by the town that they will giu to Mr Huberd seaventy pound for this year ensueing and to pay him in corn Indian wheat Rye barley at price curant as the Court stat it and in other prouission as god blesse vs withall and 30 cord of wood to be proportioned by the sellect men according to euery mans proportion to be payd by the first of March and hee that doe not pay him by that tim he is to pay him 6^s p cord in Indian corne and that euery man is to pay him the first part of his maintenanc within the first half year and the other half within the yeare

At a town meeting held 22 of the 10 m^o 1680 It was then by vote declared that they will giu to Mr hubert for this present year fifty pound and a quarter part of it in money

At the same meeting it was agreed vpon and by vote declared that the differanc concerni the meeting housse should be refferd into the hands of thes twelv men viz cap^t parker Richard blood leift lakin Ensign lawranc sergt lakin serg Knop John Pag Jonas Prescot John Morsse Joshua Whitney William green Jonathan Morss and in cass these twelue men cañot agree they hau full power to chuse a committe to put a finall conclusion to Issue the debat forthwith [49]

An addition to the former Instructions giuen by the committee chussen by the town in the year 1680 10 of the 10 m^o

1 That the ssellect men shall tak a prudent and spedy coursse that the meeting housse worke shall goe on and to that end they stir vp the constable y^t he collect the pay that it be in a readyness to pay the workmen for their work according to couenant made with them: and that they let out the rest of the work so as it may be most for the aduantage of the town and the meeting house beeing finished in ye place wheir now it standeth the ssellect men are to giu an account to the town at their years end of their receipt of rates and the Improument of their disbursments

2 Morouer they ar to tak an account of the constabl ye rates that are commited to them of their Improument and disbursments and that the ouerplust if any it may be Improued to the towns aduantag

3 ffurther mor when their is an occasion for a towne meeting the ssellect men are to giu seasonabl warning of it and the seuerall perticulers that are to be discoursed of that day and if their be an envoyse to be taken the seuerall Inhabitants are to bring it in that day either by bill or som other muney and if any person neglect the sam they must expect to be rated by will and doome

4 And what euer rates that are to be transmited from the ssellect men to the constables each mans estat shalbe transcribed on the one sid and their sum on the other

5 And what euer mistakes in any mans Rate that doe apear heartofor they are to be amended in the next rates

6 And what euer deffect or mistake that doe apear in any thing that doe concerne the meeting hous they shall endeavour to amend and rec^y the sam

7 And that all rules henc forward that are mad by the sellect men shalbe set down in the town book with their sumes

7 The ssellect men shall se that the Rates referring for the tim past made for the defraying of Mr Huberds sallery shalbe cleared and a generall acquitance taken of Mr Huberd for the same and that it be recorded in the town Book and so from year to yeare the lik car shalbe taken by the ssellect men

8 That the ssellet men shall take care that noe trashant person or persons coming in to this towne may abid so long in the towne without warning as that continuing may not becom a charg to the towne

10 That the ssellect men doe what they can to healle the differences that are in the towne in their managing the prudentiall affairs of the town and doe no thing to Increasse and augment the same

JAMES PARKER:
RICHARD BLOOD
WILLIAM LAKIN
JOHN LAKIN
JOHN PAGE [50]

It was agreed vpon by the towne that Pelleg Lawranc shall pay to a fiue acre right from the day it was granted and henceforward decem. 22 1680

Also at the same tim granted that he shall hau an addition of an acre and halfe right

It was agred vpon and by vote declared that whateuer votes hau formerly past that they shalbe of non effect now they will for this present year giu to Mr Huberd fifty fiu pound a quarter part of it money

Also agreed vpon and voted that hee shall haue 30 Cord of wood for this present yeare

The 24 of the 10 m°— 1680 The committe chussen by the towne to end the differanc that was in the town referring to the meeting house whose names are in the town book haue agreed as followeth

1 That we doe forgiue each other wheirin we haue qeen Instrumintall of greiuing each other in word or deed referring to the differance and that for the tim to com we will doe what we can to promote and increase lou and doe nothing to break the peace now mad reffering to our agrement about the standing 2 and goeing on to finish the meeting house in the place wheir now it standeth and indeuvor to satisfie silence all our Inhabitants

That the persons that drew the timber for the meeting house from doeing it without order shall haue nothing for their work vnless particuler men will alow them any thing on their own good will

3 That thos that raised the meeting house shall bear their own cost a charg both for tim and prouision

4 That the wholl towne shall goe on joyntly to gether to finish the meeting hous with all convenient speed without any regret or reflexion one vpon another in the place wheir now it standeth

At a meeting of the sellect men febr 8. 1680 for hearding of cattell

It is ordered by the sellect men that all the neat Catell from one year old and vpward shalbe hearded in these heard as followeth

The first heard begining at Ensigne Lawrances and so tak in Samuell Woods and James Roberson and Richard Bloods and all the Cattell within this Rang this heard is to goe out three dayes in the week by William Longleys or wheir the company of the heard shall agree and three dayes in the week from Richard Bloods end to Ensigne Lawrances and so into the woods Richard Blood is to bring his catell and James Roberson and others that liue out of the

rood of the heard into the way wheir the heard is agreed vpon to goe out the major part of the heardurs agreeing

The second heard begining at Matthis ffarnworthe and so driu to Jonas Prescots and John Barron is to bring his Cattell to the Bridg by Ellis Barrons this heard is to goe out by Pelleg Lawrances and so all the catell in this rang and this heard is to goe out three dayes in the week by Pelleg Lawrance driuing from Matthias ffarnworths and three dayes in the week by Matthias ffarnworth driuing from Pelleg Lawrance

The third heard is to tak in all the catell on the west sid of Broad medow begining at Samuell Kemps and all the Rang of catell to Justin Holden and Samuell Dauis so driuing out by James Brok [51]

And It is ordered that all those that refus [to] heard with the comons of that heard he belong to shall pay an equall proportion with thos that heard in that heard

ffor the preuenting of damag doing by swine 1680 febr 8 It is ordered by the sellect men that all swin from three months old and vpward shalbe sufficiently Ringed in the nose from the first of aprill till the last of nouember and the owners of them shall keep them thus Ringed the wholl tim and if any person be deffectiu in not keeping this order their shalbe sixe pence leiued vpon euery swin soe often as they be found deffectiu and those men which are chosen to see that swine be according to this order shall hau halfe of the fine halfe to thes men and halfe to the townes vse

It is furder orderd that all swine shalbe sufficiently yoked from the last of aprill till the last of september and thos persons who are to se to this order finding any swine within the habitable parts of the towne without yok shall haue sixe pence halfe shall returne to the vse of the towne and the other halfe to the ouerseers and they must giu the owners of the swine seasonable warning

It is furder ordered by the select men that all fence shalbe set vp by the fifteene day of aprill a sufficient fence of fiue Raills or aequivolent to it sufficiently done and those persons which are to se to the performance of this order which shall find any fence Insufficient and not according to this order they shall giue the owners of the fence sufficient warning to pay or mak vp this fence and and if the owners refuse they are to mend vp the fence at their owne charg and exact double pay vpon the owners of the fence

A Rat mad for the meeting house frame and truly cast vp by the sellect men and the Just sume is	32	14	8
The town Rat beeing truly cast vp by the sellect men to pay for wolues heads the sume is	8	6	4
The Towne rat for the powder and ammunetion beeing truly cast vp by the sellect men and the sum is	10	8	8
A Rat made for Mr Hoberd for the year 1679 beeing truly cast vp by the sellect men and the Just sum is	51	11	11
A Rat made for Mr huberd for the year 1680 beeing truly cast vp by the sellect men and the Just sum is	50	12	4
A Rate made by the sellect men for couering the meeting house Roof and sides windows dores stairs and Pulpit and the Just sum is	44	2	5

[52]

At a generall Town meeting febr 18 1680 It was then agreed vpon and voted that the old Commitee chusen shold perfect their work in laying out the hye way to Concord

At the same meeting it was voted that the town would haue the southeast line against Meshobee Run and they would bear the charges and haue all the profit

At the same meeting it was agreed vpon and voted that Mr Hubberd should haue all the comon which was capable to mak medow in swan pond medow vp to the vpland for seauen acre and a halfe for to mak vp his fifteen acres of medow

1681 25 d 1 m the seleckt men did ordr Jonathan satell constibll too pay Richard blood fiften shilings and sixpens for wolfs hed

This datt is payd [*in Blood's handwriting.*]

At a generall town meeting at Groton June 13th 1681 Then granted to Jonas Prescot liberty to set vp his Corne mill at stony Brook on the sid next Concord in any place betweene the spring and the Bridg and to haue liberty to mak vse of soe much and noe more of the water as may sufficiently serue for the sayd mill prouided that what damag theirby may be to the towne high way the sayd Jonas Prescot shall at his owne charg constantly make good

[53]

Owing to the want of chronological arrangement in making the entries, the paging of the record-book after this place will not be indicated within brackets.

in groten 16 June 1681 thar is layed out for Palig Loranc and ajoyning too and bounding upon the south by swan pond medow Eleuen acers and a half lauing Rome Round his medow acordin too Town order and bounded upon other sids by the Comon

allso 8 ayte ackers and a halfe a litll distant northword and bounded on all sides by comon land the lins being extant by marked trees and stackes

thes too parsils of land ware layd out by me John fflint

Recorded by me JOHN MORS *Clarke*

This aboue written of Peleg Lawrances land by Agreement is by Peleg Laurance relinquished & yeild to Mr Hobart: March 8th 168½ in ye presence of ye select men

At a generall town meeting at groton Nouembr 14 dy 1681 Then agreed upon and uotid that all bublick chargis shall be leuied upon all uisibell Estat Catill acording too law and all land shall be Estemed and Ratid after the ualowation of a hundrid pounds for a twenty ackres acomidayon and all lands shall pay in hos hands thay shall be found acording too this purporsion

at the same meting it was then agred upon and uotid that thar shall be land sould for the finishin of the meting house and for the procuring of glas and nayls furst

Captin Parker Leftenant Lackins Sargant Knop was chosin comity for the salle of this land

at the sam toowne meting 1681 it was grantid and uotid that Nickloas huckin shall haue tenn ackers of land which was formirly giuen too Tomos wad [Wood?]

at the sam meting it was grantid that Jams Parkr mit haue a strayt Linn by his hous aioyning too the country Rode

at a ginnrall Town meting of groton desember 12 d 1681

ffor constibls heniry Willard and Joshawy Whitny

for tythin men John lackins Insin Lorins sargin Knop Jonathan morse

for seleckt men Captin Parker Leftenint Lackins John Page sargant Knop sargin Lackins sargin ffisk Richard Blood

the comity chosin too giue in struckyons to the seleckt men Insin lorinc Jonas Preskod Jonathan Mors Willam Longly heniry Willard

Comishinurs too iud small casis in Toown acordin too law Captin Parkr Leftenint Lackin Insin Lorins

suruaierse for the hi waies Johnethen Satel Josep larense Wilyam longly peleg larurnz

to ueue the fancese and lok after the swine nicklus huchins Sam Scriptur James nuting Enosh larrans

The last two paragraphs are in the handwriting of Captain James Parker.

ffor an adision too former instruckyons giuen by the comity chosin by the toown 12 d 10 m 1681 that the seleckt men are to tack Measures for too call the comity too an acount which was chosin too seell land for too finish the metin hous thay shall tack an acount of them of the land they have soolld and too hom and for how much and for what pay and how thay have desposed of the pay and entr it in too the tooun Book and give a tru acount too the toown

2 they are too tack car that there be a cooll or colleg of larning of children the inglish tung too Red

3 that by rasin of the com playnt of seuerall in habid the seleckt men are too se and tack spesill car that Jonas Prescod doo full fill his agrement with the town

Insin Lorinc Willam longly
henire Willird Jonathan Morss

The following "rate" is in James Parker's handwriting and very hard to read.

a Rate mad for mr hubrd of 55 poundse shels pans
30 of the 10 81

Capten Parkr	2	3	2	John mose	1	1	
insin lorense	1	9	7	Adom Gold	0	9	
Jams blod	1	9	10	widow longly	1	8	
nat buterwth	0	11	9	Zek Hixe	0	4	1
Zeckrey parese	0	9	10	Sam dause	1	1	6
Josep blod	0	10	6	Steuen Holde		11	2
Richard blod	0	16	2	John parsh	0	9	11

Jamse knap	0	14	8
Sam Screpter	0	9	8
left laken	0	4	8
Josep Parker	1	4	3
John Cady	0	5	0
nat blod	1	3	8
Josi parkr	0	8	4
Jamse parker	0	8	9
John elxsandr	0	11	0
John laken	1	1	2
Heniry Wilerd	1	8	8
John Wilerd	0	10	10
nik Cady	0	18	2
Wil gren	1	13	1
peleg larense	0	10	10
Jams Robsn	0	10	4
Jonethe larense	0	12	11
Jonse prescot	1	2	3
Jamse cady	0	5	4
Crestefr Hale	0	11	5
John nuteng	0	9	8
Timethy Alen	0	14	9
John Copr	0	5	0
Eprim filbrek	0	5	0
Samu thurstn	0	16	2
mat farnworthe	0	9	8
Josep gilson	0	9	9
Wily longly	0	15	1
Sam Kemp	0	12	10
John baren	1	0	4
John farnworthe	0	9	5
mat farnworthe s	1	0	6
Obed Satel	0	12	7
Just Houlden	0	9	1
Johnethn Mose	0	7	7
Sam Wodse	1	2	2
Jacob Onge	0	6	7
Elze baren	0	8	4
Danel perse	0	9	10
Robrd blod	0	19	9

Jo larense	0	6	2
Enosh larense	0	5	0
Jamse fisk	1	4	2
Jonethe Satel	1	15	1
Jos wet	0	5	0
tom Smethe	0	2	
Jo wetny	0	14	
Simon Ston	0	14	
Simen Ston s	0		
John Page	1	6	
nik huchen	0	5	
Sam holden	0	5	
danel Cady	0	3	
isek larense	0	2	
elx Ruse	0	5	
Jamse fisk	0	5	0
thomas [*blotted*]	0	2	6
Zackiry Satel	0	9	10
James nuteng		10	10

the proporsn of wod is to set to aite shelings and so proposnable to gretr and lese somse

the some	13	10	
	55	1	6

m Rusel	0	19	9
ben Crespe	0	7	0
John longly	0	9	8
tho wilyams	0	4	11
wil sander	0	4	11

A ratt mayd for mester hulbart of fifti fiue pounds a quarter in money the other part in Corne and provison to be payd the halfe by the first of march and the other halfe when his yeare is out and thirte Cord of wood to pay worthwith by evere inhabitant according to proportion as in the ratt directs The non Residents exsepted

RICHARD BLOOD 81–82

in the name of the select men

The first of Jen Reciued of Jonathan Sattell a Descharg from M^r hubard for his rates for 79 and 80 the full sum of one hundred pown and a quarter parte muney acording to the agrement with the towne as full satisfaction for them two yers

Reciued of Jonas Prescotte a descharge of M^r hubard for his reate deue in eightey one whom Do acknowleg himself sattisfyed with ye town for ye yere

Reciued of William Longley a Descharg from M^r hubard for his reate deue for ye yere in all the full sum of fiftey fiue pownds a quarter pt muney

the second day of Januarie 81 The towne this day agreed and voted for Mester hulbard that he should haue for this yeare sellerie fiftie fiue pounds a quarter money and the rest as heretofor the one halfe to be payd in by the first of march next and the rest when the yeare is out or before as also thirty Cord of wood within a fortnith

Captayne parker
Richard blood
leiuetenant lakin
John page
James knop

We whose names ar vnder ritten do ingage to Cleare the last yeare Rats within tow weakes To M hubbard

The forth of Januar This is to testifie that the select men do ingadg and promise to stand by Jonathan Sawtell for the recovering

of the non residents or any other what the ar behind provided he acte according to law for all the rates during these tow yeares past

The last two items are in Richard Blood's handwriting; but the following three, written on detached pieces of paper, are in the hand of James Parker.

the paselse of work payed for out these Rats ar as foloue and thare sumse

for claperdng and shingleng the hous	23	0	0
for the sleperse	1	7	0
for the underpineng	0	10	0
for the stonse to ounderpin the house	0	16	0
for laing the flour and dorse making	1	2	0
for nailse	4	9	0
for bordse 3000	7	10	0
more in nailse	0	3	0
and one hing	0	1	6
also for makng the pulpet	0	3	0
	38	14	9
remain	5	5	6

Rest doue to the toun frome the to constablse prescot and longly of the forty four pound Rat mad and cometd into thare hadse to expend about the metg house 4 18 6

the 5 of genewar 1681

the persons behind:—

Mr Rusele	0	18	9
R bld	0	18	9
Jo longly	0	14	0
Jo bld	0	8	5
sargnt lakn	1	8	4
Will Sandrse	0	4	2
Zakry satele	0	9	4
tom Smethe	0	2	4

. . . refering to the metinge house Rate

Resed of Capten parkr	2	0	9	by Jossia parkr his Rate
payed for insin lorense	0	5	6	by Josia paker
payed for insin lorense	0	16	0	by Joseph parker

payed for Johnethen Mos	0	11	9	by nat buterworth
payed for Johnethen satle	0	10	3	by nat buterworth
payed mor for lorense	0	12	0	by Jonse prescot
payed for wil gren	0	14	0	by nat buterworth
payed more for gren	0	4	0	by Jamse paker
payed for mat farnworth	0	5	0	by Joseph parker
payed for ffarnworthse sonse	0	12	9	by Joseph Parker
payed for John Morse	0	16	10	by Sie Parker
payed for wil gren	0	6	0	by Sia parker
payed for Obed Satle	0	10	0	by si parker
payed for Sam Dauis	0	3	0	by Jamse parker
payed for pe larense	0	3	0	by nek Cady
payed for Sar Knap	0	10	5	by nek Cady
payed for danle prse	0	3	5	by nat buterworth
payed for				

. . . refaring to the meting house Rate

[payed to] nat buterworth by wil longly	0	4	0
[payed] to Jamse parker	0	3	10
[payed] to buterworth in befe	0	12	0
[pay]ed to Jamse parker by parash	0	6	1
payed to Jamse parker by Henry Wilerd	1	5	2
payed to J parker by Enosh lorranse	0	3	0
payed to Jamse and Si by Crestu' Hale	0	2	6
payed for Sam thurstho by Jo parker	0	8	2

Jnneuary 31 1681 It agred upon by the select men That the Indanes shall be warned out of the Toune forth with and if the shall neiglect the warning and if any of them be taken drounke or in drinke or with drink Then these parsons ar to be sezed and brout be foure the select men either by counstable or by any other parson and be pounesed accordin as the law doth direct and the Informar shall be sattised for his paines

The following list of names is without date, and comprises, with the exception of Mr. Willard, the heads of families living in the town soon after its resettlement. An approximation of the time when it was written may be obtained from the following fact: The name of Widow Longley appears in the list; as her husband died November 29, 1680, it was made subsequently to that date, but probably not much later. Mr. Wil-

lard was not a resident of the town at this time, though a large land owner. The first forty-seven names are in the handwriting of Jonathan Morse, but the others were written by Captain James Parker.

Samiwell Kemp	1	Jacob Ong	38
Danill Pears	2	Joshuy Wheat	39
Richard Blood	3	Willim gren	40
Nicklis Cady	4	Richard Satill	41
Obadiah Satill	5	John Parish	42
Samiwell Wods	6	Bengiman [*blank*]	43
Joseph Blood	7	Joseph Mors	44
Thomis Tarbll Sen	8	Simon Stoon	45
John Nutin	9	Justin Holld:	46
Nathanill Blood	10	Sargin Lackins	47
John Coper	11	Zackriah ffars	48
Mastr Rusill	12	Zackriah Satill	49
Timithy Alin	13	Leftenent lackin	50
adim gooll	14	Thomas Tarbol Jun	51
Jams Robison	15	John lacken	52
Jams Blood	16	John Morse	53
Joseph Parker	17	John larenc	54
Zackriah Hicks	18	Wilyam Sanders	55
William Longly	19	Richrd Heulden	56
Jams Nutin	20	Capten Parker	57
Samiwell Dauis	21	Nich° Huchesen	58
Thomis Smith	23	John baren	59
Timithy Copr	24	Joseph larenc	60
Enosh Loranc	25	Mat farnworth Jun	61
Jonathan Mors	26	Elis baron	62
John ffarnom	27	James Knap	63
Jonas Prescod	28	Insin larenc	64
John Pag	29	James Cadey	65
Nathan butrwoth	30	Mr Sam Wilerd	66
Willim gren	31	John Parker	67
Cristouer Hall	32	James Parker	68
Captin Parkr	33	Jonethen Satle	69
		Sam Church	70
Rubin Blood	35	Widow longly	71
Matthias ffarnom S'	36	Eles baron jr	72
Jonithan Lorinc	37	Joseua Witney	73

Jonathan Morse, the eighth town clerk, was the son of Joseph and Hester (Peirce) Morse, of Watertown, where he was born November 7, 1643. He married, October 17, 1678, Abigail, daughter of William and Susanna Shattuck, and they had four children. He held the office of town clerk from the year 1682 inclusive until the time of his death, which occurred July 31, 1686. He was the first town clerk of Groton who signed the records with his name, though the practice was not constant with him.

the in strouctions giuen by the towns commity in the yere. 1682.

1 first that the salackt men doe mak and maintain pase and loue won with another in the town and aspashaly with m. hubard in incoridging him in his work by forwarding won and other in being wiling to alow him honorabl main tanans as the law darackts in pag 45 and that thay warn the in habitans to gather till thay be agreed with. m. h [Mr. Hobart?] and that the salack men mak no rate till the town be agreed with him M hub [Mr. Hobart?]

2 that upon complaint of som of the in habitans that the reats mad by salackt men be Justly proporshaned to euery man his Just dew to pay and no more

3. that the salackt men gat a discharg of m hub for the yere past as to his last salarey the yere past

4 that the salckt men doe tak spashal care ye all the high ways be sofishantly mended from hous to hous mill markit and meting

5 that thos laws be rade in the publick meting that is requir and all other dutys be longing to salackt men as the law darackts be parformed

6 for as much as there has been complaint of many pore parsons that can not pay rats the salackt men are to mak diligant sarch whather it be so that thay may be eased in the rats and pay goodman Cadey for a cord of wood

7 the salackt men are to tak spashal care that thare bee a town book & a sofishant man chosen to racord our lands as may stand acording to law

8 allso that the salackt men doe atand the law of the contrey con sarning the indins in this town

9 that the salackt doe giue up a tru acount to the town of all the disbursments in the town this yere

10 and allso that sabath day saruis may bee parformed in the sason of it that the sabath may not be profained as it is two much

The instructions given above are in Jonas Prescott's handwriting.

the 8 of the 1 month 1682 at a selekt mense meting it is agread upon by them that al the yoke Catele in the toune shall be Harded in thre Hards all that ar aboue on year ould shal be Harded Exsept such as ar to be fated these may be put out of the town if the oners of them plese or else thay are to pay to the hard that the onerse of the Catel Relateth to: The Hardse are deuided as foloweth the forst Hard is to begen at John farnworthse and to End at Sam Houldens takeng takeng in John lorences Eprem filbreks and Johnathan laransese Catle

The second hard to be gine at samuele Wodes and to end at wilyam longlyes tkeng in Elek Ruse Enosh larenenc and insin larance

The therd Hard is to be gine at Jams Robesens and to End at Justinen Houldense takeng in sam dauises catel the persens Relateng to Ether of thes Hards ar to order the goeng out of thar hard both for time and wai of ther Catel walkse: if aney man Refuse or naglekt to hard thar Catel a cordeng to thes order thay ar subject to the penelty of the towns order

Richard blod leueng inconuently to hard Has leberty granted to Him to kepe His Catele on the west sid of the reuer or else to kepe them out of the towne wich he plesethe — if thay be found on this sid thay ar liabel to pay the penelty of the touns order

by order of the selecttmen JAMES PARKER sene

swine [*in margin*] morouer we do agre that ale swin that are aboue thre monthse ould shal be sofeshntly Ringed and kept Ringd from the ferst of aprele tel the last of septembr and yoked or shut oupe if thay take aney mens Corn or be other waise unruly

Debts deue from thes Persons to the town for lands sould to them

By Capt Parker	11	10	6
out of which he haue payd as foloweth in	2	16	6
reneueng ye town bounds by him selfe and his too sons	2	4	

for quartring the artise and nails			
for the metting hous glas and Dors and			
for gathering ye invoice	6	8	5
The rest Deue to the town	3		
Joseph Parker thre hundred ackers	8	3	5
of lande bought of the town	15	0	8
wherof payd in money	3	13	0
Ser Leakin one hundred akers	5	0	0
henery willard one hundred ack	5	0	0
Jonas Prescotte one hundred and ten ackers	5		
Peleke lawranc one hundred ackers	5	0	0
also deue to the town from Constable Prescott and Const Longly vpon the acount of the meting house reate	4	18	6

insin larence for to parcelse of land near his house containeng foure akhers mór or lese to pay leftenen danforth one pound and sixe shilengse in silvr or in other pay such as Corne

The last paragraph is in the handwriting of Captain James Parker.

March 28 1682 two Indian squaws being apprehended In drinke & with drinke brought to ye select men one squaw Nehatchechin swaw being drouncke was sentanced to receive & did receive ten stripes the other John Nasquuns sway was sentanced to pay 3^s 4^d cash and loose her two quart bottle and the Liquour in it awarded to Sarg^nt Laken who seized them.

growtin the 25 of the 2 1682 25 d 2 m 1682 The Lands of Jonas Prescott lying att stony brock mill at the other sid swan broock the east sid begining at stoony brock ponde and soo from the pond too the high way as the marks dooe dereckt and from the Cuntry high way as the marks dooe dereckt too Chensford lin and soo too the pond on the south East East sid of stoney broock and on that sid the mill is on the bounds of the mill plas is boundid from a whit ock tree too a burch and soo as thes marks doo direckt from the cuntry high way: the sum of land is 28 twenty ayt ackers mor or les: only we did agree that the Town shall haue liberty if thay need

too goue too mack eus of the water or too cler the brouck on ayther sid of the Brook if ned be won pole wid not oltring any thing that is doon as too the mill crick or the gats only the land is for the proper eus of the sayd Jonas Prescott that is too [*left unfinished.*]

for which lands the Town hath as much land tackin ofe the sayd Jonas Prescott land lying at the old mill plase this land was taken ofe by the sam layers out of land this sum of land was takin ofe that side Jonas Prescott farm at the ould mill plas from mastr ushers land called the fifty ackers all the land that was Jonas Prescotts lyinng from mastr ushers northeast corner and soo too Matthias ffarnoworth medow all the land too mudy brook is tacken ofe for saytfactyon acording too Towns agreement two ackers for won . . as witnis our hands

JAMS PARKER
WILLAM LACKIN
JAMS KNOP

At A meeting of the select men Jun ye 5th 82 agered with sargent John laken to macke a sofishant Pound & Stocks the pound thirty foots square seuen Railes in a lenth the pound to be sofishant & to mack a gate & hang it the stocks six footes long with 5 hols at ye lest. thes are to be don forth with. for which the sayed Lackin is to haue 02 15 00 to be discounted as part of pay for his land which he bought of the town:

At A metting of ye select men the 5 of ye 4th mo^th 1682 Reciued of ye Constables henerey Willerd and Joshewah Whettney a descharge from M^r hubarde for his reat for his half yere last past

the 2th 10mo 1682 The comity chosin by the Town too sell land sould too insig Nathannill loranc too parsills of land ner his hous contatayning foure ackers mor or les being and lying as followeth one pese on the south sid of the high way that goe too flagey medow lauing the high way say fower pooll wide from Willam grens land this land is bounded northerdly by the aforesayd high way eastardly by the towns Comon land sothardly partlly by Samiwell Woods swamp and partlly by Willam grenne south wastward ly by the sayd Lorancis own land the sayd high way too be left out fower pooll wid continuing the length of Willam grens lyn and then the sayd loranc lyn dooe Run with a slent by the grat stump too his own fence ner the Bredg a loowing good man gren a high way too his

midow too fetch his hay and the insin Loranc is too mayntayn a soo fisint bars or gat

2ly the other pes aioyning too his own hous loot bownded sothardly by the high way leding up in too the Town wastardly and northardly by the lands of Captin Jams Parkr and eastrdly with the sayd Lorancis owne land this land beeing payd & by the acknowldgment of the commitee [*This last line is in another handwriting.*]

Reuised compared and confarmed by the seleckt men acording too the ordr of the Toown

JONATHAN MORS *clark* 22 d 8 m 1683

at a ginirall Town meetin hilld at grotin 11 day of desembr 1682 and thar was chosin for constiblls John Page Sargin Knop and for seleckt men Captin Parker Leftenint Lackens Sarint Knop John Pag Sargin Lackins Josiah Parkr Jonathan Mors

Comisiners too try small casis acordin too law Captin Parkr Leftenint Lackins insin Lorinc

for tithin men Captin Parkr Leftennt Lackins Josiah Parkr timithy allin:

for soueuyrs Jonathan Satill Palig Lorinc Willam Longly Samiwell Kemp

for too loock aftr swinn Cristuer hall Jacob Ong

for fens uewers Just Holdin Jams Robison

at the sam metin it was uotyd and a gred upon that tha that was chosin too sell land for the finishin the metin hous was too sell no mor

at the same Metin it was agred upon and uotid that the land that is called by the name of Thomis Willimsis land sholld be sowld and John Pag Samiuell Woods were chosin too sell this Land

at a ginirall Toown metin 12 d 10 month 1682 thes men were chosin to giue the seleckt men in strucktyon Samiwell Wods Jonas Prescod John Parish Jams nutyn Heniry Willard

at a ginerall town metyn upon the 12 da 10 m 1682 It was agreed upon and uotyd by the Town that thay wolld giue Mastr Hubrd three core pound for this yer sallory in pay and spachy as followeth that is too say fifteen pound in money and ffiue and forty pound in corn and prouision: won halfe too be payd by the furst

of March and the other half by the next Mickellmas and six and thurty cord of wood

Thes parsins hos nams are undr writin doo in gag too pay thar pur porsion too a seuenty pound Rat a cuarter part in money the other part in corn and pro uision and forty cord of wood

Captyn Parker
Lettenint Lackins
Sargon Knop
John Pag
Jonathan Satull
William Longly
Henory Willard
Jonas Prescod
Enosh Loranc
Nicklous Cady
John ffarnom

at a ginarall Town metyn 1 : day 11 m 1682 it was uotyd that Mastr Huberd shold haue sixty fyue pound for this yers saliry in pay and spashy as follow that is too say a cuartr part in mony and aite pound worth of pork and the Reste of his Rat must be payd in corn and prouision and won half of this pay must be payd by the furst of march and the other half by the Last of nouembr and forty cord of wod

at the seleckt mens metyn upon the 11 moth 4 day 1682 a rat mad for Mastr hubard contayning sixty five pound and ayght pens by Jonahan Mors Clark in the nam of the seleckt men

24 d 1 m 1683 at a seleckt mens metin Sargin Lackins did giue a tru acount for the seleckt men how he payd for his land pound and stocks fifty fiue and fiue shilins in siluer at forty shilins in siluer [*this word erased*] by leftenint and lefenint haue bayd this four shilins for Runing he town lyn all but won shilin

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

It is evident from the appearance of the original record that the preceding entry belongs in this place and not at the end of the year.

at a ginarall Town meting upon 23 d 2 m 1683 It was agred

upon and uoted that Mastr: Hubrd shall hane liberty too mack this pullpit for his eas and comfort soo as he dooe no ways defase the work now doon and will mack it dasant and comly acquiuilent too the work undrneath upon his own charg

at a ginnreall Toown metyng upon the 23 d 2 m 1683 it was Agreed upon and uoted that thay war willing that the land shoold be soald which is too tack up in Leeu of Neshobey too pay thar Toown dets

at the sam metyng it was agreed upon and uoted that this land shold be soould: for forty pound in Corn and Catill soo as too pay the Toown dets and thay that bye this land shall be att all the Charg in the laying out of this land

26 d 2 m 1683 at a seleckt mens meting Jonathan Satill was ordred too pay Timithy allin fiften shilins

At A seleckt men meting 21d 3 m 1683 Captin Parker and Insin Loranc was Chosin too met with Chensford comity too Renew the Lyne

at a gennirall Toown meeting 25d 4 m 1683 A gred upon and uotyd that the Toown wooll sell land for too pay thar present deews and the Comity shall sell no land within too mlll of the metin hous and the Comity shall sell no land undr twenty ackr & ecksept it be furst brought too the Toown at a ginarull Toown meting and if the Town doo determined too sell such land the Comity may Deed it lagully

The in habitenc of This Toown have liberty too by land att a uallowabll Prise of the Comity so noe land shall be soald undr Twell penc A nacker

Captyn Parker Leftenint Lackins Sargon Knop was chosin a Comity too sell this land

Samiwell Wood Willam grenn [*the last name erased.*]

The following vote appears to be the rough draft of the one that comes immediately after it.

June. 25. 1683 At a genrall towen meeting it was agreed upon & detarmed by vote ye ther should be Land sould by ye forner Comity Chosen by the towen to sell land for ye paymen of towen

debts: & y^t thay shall seell no land under twelue penc ye acker & any Inhabatant of this towen hath liberty to by Land agreen with ye Comity

Jewn 25 1683 At a giuarall Toown meting it was a greed upon and detarmid by uot that thar shall be land sould by the former Comity Chosin by the Town too sell land for the defraueing of foremer dets and thay shall sell no land und twell penc the acker and any inhabitant have liberty too by land agreing with the comity this latr uot countr maynds the former that is aboue it on Jewn 25 1683

At a ginarall Town meting upon the 25 d 4 m 1683 it was agred upon a uotid that thay wolde giue Willam Prist teen ackrs of land and ten to Nath Lawren

at a ginarall toown meting upon the 25 day 4 month 1683 it was agred upon and uotyd that the Toown wold chos a comity for tooee pllas the metin house: and thes men war chosen

Captin Parker Lefeninant Lackins Richard Blood Sargon ffisk insin Loranc

Samiwell Woods was chosen too Joyn with this comity

At the sam meting it was agred upon and uotyd that sargan Knop and leftenant Lackins and sargon Lackins and Jams nutin and John ffarnom was chos a comity for too Run the owld lin which Jonathan Danford Rund too tack in the Land which is due too us by Neshobey and too mack a return too the Toown

The following "agreement" appears to be the rough draft of the one that comes immediately after it.

An agreement betwen the town of groton & Jonas Prescot uiz y^t he hath Liberty to set up a saw mill at stony brook upon condishans as folow furst y^t he shall acomadat ye town with merchantabell bords at sixpenc ye hndred cheper then are sould at any outher sawmill and for towe pay & y^t ye towe shall be suplyed befor any outher porsons & he is to haue this priueliges untell ther may occer somthing that may be of greater aduanteg [to the] town . . . ether by Ioran works or outher wayes . . . ye saw mill [shall] not hinder ye corn mill . . .

an agrement mad be twen Jonas Prescod and the Town of grotin that he the sayd Prescod haue liberty too set up a sawmill att Stoony Brock and to have the ues of the stream upon con disions

as followeth furst that he shall a Comindat the Toown with marchindabll Bords at sixpenc a hundred cheaper then are sowlld at any other saw mills and for Town pay and that the Town shall be sooplyed befor any other parsin and he is too have this priuilig untill thar may aper sumthing that may be of g^{nll} aduantig too the Townn which by Iorun woks or any other ways allways prouided the saw mill do not hindr the corn mill and the sayd Prescod is to haue the use of the Towns timpr for his own use and the sayd prescod is too mack and mayntayn a sofisint cart[way?] from tyme too tyme and at [all times.]

1683 The land of Obadyah Sautell sould too him by the Towns comity chosin by the Towne too sell sd land

Twenty fower ackers of land mor or les ner the Burnt medow being boundid as folowth boundid wastwardly by the land of Richard Sawtell northardly by the land of James Parker sener and upon all other poynts with the Towns comon land and Jams fisks medow and Thomis Tarballs medow lauing a high way in it for the use of the medow and thar be need of it

2 thurty ackres mor or lese being and lyeng on the south sid of Indian hill medow agining too Richard satwalls medow called the patchis bounded as foloweth north with the bay high way wast with the land of John barron and northerdly by the land of John baron and wasturdly and northardly by the land of Nickloas Huchin and all so wastardly by the Towns Comon and south by the Towns Comon and east by the land of Jams ffisk and so contaying all the swamp ground and stands with the sayd patchis

24 d 6 m 1683 at a seleckt mens meting Captin Parkr and sargin Knop was chosin a comity for too met with Bilericy comity for too trat about the grat bredg

at a ginrall Town metin upon the 28 of 6 m 1683 Jonas Prescod was chosin comisinur too tack the contry inuoys

the 28 of 6 m 1683 at a ginarall Town meting it was agred upon and uoted that the Comitys work wh they have done in plasing the meting hous shall be uoyd and that the dignity of the sats of the meting hous shall be detarmned by the Town that the Comity may haue Ruls too plas the metin hous with thar best dis cresion furst ofis seckently age and thurdly money

It is agred upon and uotyd that when the Comity had plased all

thes sats in the meetinghous and it doth aper that thar is som wiating thar shall be sum mad a boue for the plasing of yong parsins upon the Towns charg

it was a gred upon and uotyd that the furst be low shod be the furst sat in dignity 2ly the forst in the frunt galry shall be the second sat in dignity the second sat below is the thurd sat in dignity the frunt sat in the East galery is the forth sat in dignity the thurd sat below is the fift sat in dignity the second sat in the frunt galry is is the sixe sat in dignity: the fowerth sat below is the seuenth sat in dignity the sat by the window is the ayth sat in dignity the second sat in the galory is the ninth sat in dignity

at the same meting it was agred upon and uotyd that the Dackins sate shall be leuiled with the tabll and that it shall be plased with parsins acording too the discresion of the Comity

22 day 8 m 1683 at the seleckt mens meting the Towns comity did giue thar acount too the selecktmen of the land sould for the defrawing of the Toown dus and dets

	110 ackrs of land sowld too Josiah Parkr and John ffarnom	5	15	0
2	too Captin Parkr 198 ackrs	8	18	
3	too Joseph Parkr and Samiwell adams 200 ackrs	10	0	0
4	Mathias ffarnoth and John ffarnoth 40 of land	2		
	and nor too mathias ffarnom 1 ackr		2	
5	too Jonas Prescod 13 ackr of land		13	
6	too Jams Knop 35 ackr of land	1	15	
7	too sargin Lackins 10 ackrs of land	0	10	
8	too Thomis Boydin 100 ackr of land	5	0	
9	Jonis Prescod detr too the Town for and by his acount with the seleckt men 8 d 10 m 1682	3	3	0
	Captin Parkr dew too the Town	1	2	0
	by the acount giuin in 3 d 10 m 1673			
	Leftenint Lackin 22 ackrs of land	1	2	
	Captin Parkr haue payd too Jams nutin	0	6	0
	and too Leftenint Lackins	0	5	0
	and too sargin Knop	0	12	0

at a ginora Towne meting upon the 29 d 8 m 1683 it was agred upon and uoted that the souayrs that are too lay out land and Jonas prescod and Samiwell Woods shall be a comity for the helping

of sum parsins namly soe many as ned thar buts and bounds that thay may be fitid for A lagall record in too the new Town boock and ho so euer dooe imploy this comity shall bar the chargis euery parsin for him self for his own land: and the magr part of this Comity sall determin any thing Refering too the recording of this land

at the sam meting it was determinid by uot that in Refferenc too a specioll Rat too Mastr Willard that eury in habitant that is a propriatur shall haue won ackr of land layd out too him acording too his furst grant that is too say vz twenty acker Right shall haue twenty ackrs of land and soo pur porshinably for the smaller grants and this deuision of land is too be tacken up upon this sid of the Reuer

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

at a seleckt mens meting 30 d 8 m 1683 Captin Parker Sargin Knop Jonas Prescod was chos a comity too lay out the high way from dunstabll too grotin

23 d 9 m 1683 at a selek mens meting the constibls was ordrid too pay too sargin Lackin seuen shilins out of the Rat

1 d 10 m 1683 at a selekt mans meting too mack a rat too mend high ways and to cast up mastr Huberds Rat

thar ware chosen for . . . Town afayrs in the 10 d 10 m 1683

the seleckt men haue tacken speciall car and haue payd all thes Town dets

29 d 10 m 1683 too Jams Knop	0	12	0
2 too Leftenant Lackins	0	5	0
3 too Leftanant Lackins	0	12	0
4 too Josiah Parker for 1 wollfs hed and pups	0	11	
5 too Jams Nutin for 2 wolves hed and 3 days	1	11	
6 too Insin Lawranc	1	2	
7 too Timothy allin	1	10	6
8 too Cristiuer Hall for taking the inuoyc	0	6	0
9 too John ffarnworth for 1 wolf hed 3 dys half	1	1	3
10 too bilirica bredg	4	17	0
11 too the county Rate	4	17	0
12 to Jonas Prescod for carig the pay biliryk	0	12	0

13 too Thomis boyin for paying him for finishin the meting hous	3	0	
14 too John Pag for his ould arergis	0	9	10

This may sartyfy you that Joshiway Whitney haue prought in his acwitinc from mastr Hubords own hand that the Rat that was comited in too his hand when he was constabell was payd by me

JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

A a ginnrall Town meting 10 d 10 m 1683 the Tow haue chosin thar Town offiersers Just holdin and John Parish for Constibls

thos which war chosin seleckt men Jonas Prescod Heniry Willard Joshuay Whitny William Longly Jonathan Morse Clark and seleckt men

10 d 10 m 1683 At the sam meting it was agred upon and uotd that thay wold give Mastr Hubord seuenty pound for this yers salory and a cwartr part of this must be payd in money and the Rest of his pay must be payd as it was determinid last yer and forty cord of wod

at the the sam meting it was agred vpon and uoted that all thar Toown charges shall be raysed by thar land and estats and if any parsin haue pourchad any land it shall be Rated at fiue pound the hundred

Att a ginarall Town meting upon the 25 d 10 m 1683 them which wur chosin souuyrs was Nicklos Huchin Nicklos Cady Jams Parkr Cristuer Halle fo hog constiblls Samiwell Criptur goodman Willam green and uewers of fenses

At a ginarall Town meting upon 25 d 10 m 1683 John Page John Parish Insin Lorinc

as you are Chosin a comity for and in the behalf of the Towne you are desiered for too proue the Rit and titill we haue too our Tooun ship by all the legall testimony which can be procuerid when the Toown is sent too by aney a Tority and if aney ingins can proue a lagiall titall too the Remainer of our Town ship you haue power too by it at as easi a lay as you can and mack it as sur as may be in the behalf of the Toown and you shall haue Reasinabll satisfackion for your payns.

JONATHAN MORS *Clark*
in the nam of the selckt men 31 d 10 m 1863

31 d 10 m 1683 4 The Comity did giue in thar acount too the selelkt men upon 31 d 10 m 1683 of the land sowlld

	too Joshiway Whitni	12 ackrs	0	12	0
2	Nicklos huchin	10 ackrs	0	10	0
3	Jonathan satel	17 acks	0	17	0
	Insin Lorinc	40 acks	2	0	0
	Just Holdin	4 ack		03	3
	Obiadiah ssatill	54 ackrs	2	14	0
	Jams Nutin	7 ackrs	0	7	0

at A ginnrall Town meting upon the 14 d 11 m 1683 the Toown comity did giue in thar acount of thar chargis for the purchis of our Town ship with the indins

thar Chargis in money-Eckspencis	1 — 10
2 for thar tym in Town pay twelue shilins apese which doo amount too	1 — 16 — 0
uotid that the comity was too entr the ded in too the cunty records for this sum	

This instrument is duly recorded in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds at East Cambridge, IX. 27.

14 d 11 m 1683 at a ginnrall Toown meting it was agred upon and uotid that this publick chargis con sarning the purchis of our Toown ship shall be raysed by the furst grants and too hom thay war furst grantid too

at the sam meting it was agred upon and by uot declarid that if any parsin doo Refus too pay for the purchis of this ingin titell too our Toown ship thar pur porsion thar nams are too be entred in too the Toown buck

at a ginnrall Town meting upon the 14 d 11 m 1683 4 it was agred upon and uoted that this Bublick chargis con sarning our purchis of our indin titll shall be Leuied upon our ffurst grants of lands and thay shall pay in hose hands thay are found

at the sam metin agred upon and uotid that Crisouer hall shold tack the inuoyc

29 day 11 m 1683 The Town comity did give in thar a count o the land sould for too procur ry for the Towns us

Thomis smith	2 acks	1	0	0
Nickloas Cady	15 ack	0	15	0

John Barns	2 acks	1	0	0
John farnom	6 acks	0	6	0

nicklos haue payd his purporson which is his pur porson of a teen ackr grat of the indin titill whch is 0 8 4

nathanill blood haue payd for his furs grant land his money part in this indin purchis 30 da 11 1683 0 8 4

Jonathan Sawtell have payed his pur porsion in the indin purchis and halfe his fathers pur porcion acording too the lewey and uote of the Town 0 8 4
but not by his fathers ordr as did aper by Riting undr his fahers hands

31 d 11 m 1683 Richard Sautill haue payd his purporsion in the ingin purches for A twenty acker Right the full and fast sum of 0 16 8
as atest Richard satill Obadiah Satell Just Holdin Cunstibll
b me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

James blood have payd his full purporsion for a thurty ackr Right too the Indin purchis as atest John parish and Jonas prescod

Groton January 31th 168¾ Att a Meeting of the select men att the house of Jonathan Morse then Reconed with Captne Parker and all account ballanced concerning the land Captne Parker bought of the the Towne and what the towne ought him upon all pticulars

	£	s	d
to this day and Captne Parker is Debtr to ye Towne	0	07	00
In ye account of Captne Parker is payd			
for Paleg Lawrance	00	09	00
for Nicholas Cady	01	07	00
for Jne Barron	00	12	00
for Luiten : 5s Sargnt K 12s	00	17	00
for James Nutten	00	06	

JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

The 31th day of January 168¾ Recconed with Tho: Booden concerning his worke done in finishing the Meeting house and found that he hath received of the thirty two pounds that he was to haue in the pticulars as followeth p Captne as p Tho Boodens Acknowl-

	£	£	
edgement before the select men	16	09	00:
p Jonathan Lawrance for Peleg Lawrance	01	00	00
p Sam: Holden for Peleg	01	05	00
p Jn° Page	00	16	00
p Jn° Farworth	02	00	00
p Jonas Prescott	01	10	00
p 100 Acres of land	05	00	00
p Ensigne Lawrance	00	08	00

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*
in the nam of the clark [selectmen?]

January 31th 1683¾ then Rockoned with Sargnt Knop and all accounts from the begining of the world to this day are all ballanced upon every accont betwine the Towne and him And due from him to the Towne 00 . 02 . 00

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*
in the nam of the seleckt men

Reckoned January 31th 1683¾ at the same Meeting with Luiten: Laken & all accounts in all pticulars clear and ballanced betwine the Towne and him from ye begining of the world to this day

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

Joseph Parkr dept 1—9—0

The Town in Det too patickler men for thar work for seuerall workes and forcys

1 too Leteninant Lackins 4 days and a half	1	2	0
2 too Sargin Lackins 3 days and half	0	17	0
3 too Sargin Knop 3 days and half and 1 day too Biliryca bredg	1	5	
4 too Captin Park 3 days	0	12	
5 too Insin Loranc 1 daye Chensford linn		4	
6 too Jams Nutin 3 days and half		11	3
7 too John ffarnum 3 days and half		11	3
8 too Leftenant Lakins for ould areligis [arrearages?]		12	0
9 too John Pag for ould areligis		9	0
10 too Thomis Boydin for inish met	32	2	6
11 too Jams Nutin in 8 d of Septembr too wolues heds	1	0	0
12 too Thomis Wods and Willam green won wolf hed	0	10	0

13 too good man wods for bringing up the poudr and for his sune wachin	0	4	0
14 too Jonathan Mors for ceping the Toown book	0	10	0
15 too Joseph Parkr for paying too Bilirica Bredch	5	0	0
the Town haue payd too Thomis Boyden			
by Captin Parkr	16	6	0
by Palig Loranc	1	16	0
by John farnworth	2	0	0
by Jonas Prescod	1	5	0
for 100 ackrs of land	5	0	0
when all thes Town dets are payd thar is dew too the Town	01	16	6

4 d 12 1683¾ at a selekt mens meting it was determined by the selek men that goodman allin shold haue won and thurty shillins and six pens which will be dew in the begining of the march next 1683¾

grotin the 7 day 12 1683¾ A trew Resaight that Just holdin Constibell hath payd too the Towns comity the Just sum of 12–12–0 I saw twellue pound and twellue shilins in cash I say resaiued

by me JOHN PAGE in the nam of the Rest of the comity

the 9 d 12 1683–84

grotin Febriwary 18 1683⁴ Resaiued of Just Holdin Constaball the Just sum of teenn pound fiue shillins in Corn which was payd by the sayd Holdin for the purchis of the Toown of Groton of the Indans

I say Resaiued by me JOSIAH PARKR

Resaiued of Just Holdin Constabll twenty fiue Bushils of India Corn in the behalf of Captin Linksman

I say Resaiued by me ROBIRT ROBIN

fabriweri 18 1683¾

Jons Prescod haue payd for his l[and] which he did purchis of the Town comity in the yer 1682 the full aud Just sum of fiue pound teen shillins for won hundred and ten ackers of land I say payd for acording too ordr for the Toowns use

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

Jonas Prescod haue payd for his land which he did purchis of the Town comity in the yer 1683 the full and Just sum of thurteu shillins for thurtene ackrs I say payd for acording too ordr for the use of the Town

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

Jonas Prescod haue purchised [paid?] for his land which he did purchis of the Towns comity in the yer 1684 the full and Just sum of won pound for twenty ackr of land I say payd for acording too order for the us of the Touwn

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

Joshuay Whitny haue payd for his land which he did purchis of the Town comity in the yer 1683 the and iust sum of twellue shillins for twellue ackrs of land I say payd for acording too ordr for the us of the Town

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

John ffarnworth haue payd for his Land which he did purchis of the Towns Comity in the yer 1683 the full and Just sum of fiue pound fiue shillins for won hundred and fiue ackers of land I say payd for acording too ordr for the us of the Town

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

Captin Park Parkr haue payd upon the Toowns acount won pound seuen shilins which was his due too the Town upon the Last acount

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark*

Josiah Parkr haue payd for his land which he did purchis of the Towns Comity in the yere 1683 fifty fiue ackrs

I say payd for acording too ordr for the us of the Town and too pay town dewes

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark* 16 d 12 m 1683

Insinn Loranc haue payd for his land which he did purchis of the Towns comity in the yer 1684 forty ackers I say payd for acording too ordr for too pay him in the Toowns dues

by me JONATHAN MORS *Clark* 24 d 9 m 1684

at a seleckt mens meting 24 d nouem 1684 Captin parker did giue in acount of the land which he had purchised of the Towns cmity and as he is a comity too sell land for the Toown

too Captin Parkr twelue ackrs	0	12	0
the Towns Comity			

at a selekt mens meting 24 day 9 moth 1684 Jonas presod did giue in thar acount too the seleckt men and this is the acount of the Toown dets

Jonas prescod haue due too him from the Town	1	1	5
and thar is dew too Jonathan Mors from the town too him	1	0	3
fifteen pens of this must be payd in money			
the Town indetid too Willlam longly from the town	0	14	0
The Town indetid too heniry Willerd for gathrin m Wilerds Rat	0	10	0
The Town indetid too Joshuey Whitney for constibell		16	0

at a ginnrall Town meting [held on] the 10 d 10 m 1684 thay did chus thar publick ofisers for constabel Jams Nutin for seleckt men Insin Loranc Captin Parker Leftenint Lackins John Pag Jonas Prescod Josiah Parkr John Parish Jonathan Mors Clark

Mathias farnworth Constibell Willam Long was chosin too tack the Cuntry inuoy

for souayrs Samiwell Kempe Samiwell dauis Jams Blood Joshuay Whitny

for hog constibls and fens uewers Samiwell Wods and Elis barin

at a ginarall Town metin upon 10 d 10 m 1684-5 it was agreed upon and uotid that thay wolld giue mr Hubord for this yers sallory seuenty pound won quartr part in money and the Rest of the pay shall be payd in Corn what Rye and Ingin Corn Beter pork and won hallf of this pay is too be payd in by the furst of march and the other hallf of his pay shall be payd in by the ninth day of the ninth month and forty cord of wood which shall be payd in by the furst of march nex and if any parsin doo negleckt and Refus shall pay aftr the Rat of six shillins a cord in corn forth with

at the sam meting it was agred upon and uotid that if any of our propriators which doo neg leckt or Refus paying thar Bublick dews Twis in the yer by them selues or thar agent thar lands shall be sased by the constibell and sould by the seleckt men for too pay thar dus and all due damigis

. . . 29d 10m 1684 . . . [tith]en men sargin ffisk . . . mathias ffarnworth . . . [Chri]stiuer Hall

The seleckt men which war chosin for the yer 1684–5 haue tackn car too pay sum of the Towns tets

Samiwell Kemp haue Rsaiued of the seleckt men upon the Towns count for swping the meeting hous 1

Jonathan Mors Resaiued	0–6
too Jonas Prescod	1– 5–6
too Willam Longly	0– 3–0
too Widow longly Bengiman Crisp	0– 3–0
too Samiwell Kemp	1– 1–0
too Jams Nutin	2–10–0
too Captin Parkr	0– 9–4
too Leftenint Lackins	0–16–0
too John Parish	0– 1–3
too Jams Knop	0–18–0
too Heniry Willard	0–10–0
too Joshiway Whitny	0–10–0
too Samiwell Woods	0– 9–0
too Josiah Parkr	0–14–1

grotin march 6 1684 Resaiued of Just Holdin the full and Just sum of sixtenne pound teenn shillins in money corint Coine of New ingland and in corn thurty six shillins which was payd by the sayd Holdin for part of the purchis of the Town of grotun of the Indins I say Resaiued by me John Page in the behalf of the Comity that Bought the for sayd Town of the Indins JOHN PAGE in the nam of the Comity

at a ginnarall [town meeting held] The 1 m 30d [1685 it was agreed] upon and uotid that . . . [comm]ity which was chosen to . . . the use of the Towwn shall . . . mor to no parsin hensforth shall by any mor land

30d 1 m 1685 At a ginnrall Town meting it was determined and uotid that the uote which past in a Town meting in 10d 10m 1683 shold stand in fors and if any parsin haue purchised any land of the Towns comity of the Towns land shall pay all town Dues at the Rate of fiue pound the hundred and soo dubled with the Rest of the estat of the Town

at the sam meting sargin Knop was chosen a comity for too Joyn with the Rest of the comity for too Reguilat any erior or too Satisfy sum agreuied parsin in the sating of the meting hous

at a ginarall Town meting held at grotin 27 d May 1685 agred upon and uotid that thay wold giue Willam Sandrs that small pes of land lying by John Parshis too set your hous upon considratyon Willam Sandrs is too haue the hy way fower poll wid and if he doo any way damig to the hy way he is too mack it soo fisint
leftniant lackins insin Lackins John Parish

9 d 9 m 1685: at a ginarall Town meting Josiah Parkr was chosen an atarny for the Town for too seue and prosicut the non Residnc too efeckt too help mastr hubord too the pay that is his due upon the Rat
at the sam meting it was grantid too Nicklas Cady a small pes of land at the south sid of ingin hill at the ind of his own lot soo he Dooe in no ways in trench upon the hye way
at the sam meting it was grantid too Robin Robards tenn ackrs in the furdr sid of the bond agining too Chensford linn and Neshoby
at the sam meting grantid too John Elecksandr tenn ackr of land from all thes grants of land Jonas Prescod doo Right his desent
at the sam meting it was grantid too John Parish teen ackrs of land

at a g[en]arall Town meting upon 10 d 10 m 1685–6 the Town did chus thar Bublick ofisers
ffor seleckt men Captin Parkr Jams Knop Leftenint Lackins Jonas Pescod Josiah Parkr Willam Longly Jonathan Mors clark
ffor Constibll Simon Ston Jams Parkr
ffor souayrs Nicklous Cady John barns Joseph Loranc John Page
Hog constibls John Cady Obadyah Satall
ffens uewers Joshiway Whitny Enosh Loranc
this Rate must be Raysed as it was the last yer
Captin Parkr Chosin too tak in uycs
at the sam meting it was agred upon and uotid that thay wold give Mr Hubord for this yer sallory seuenty fiue pound and won

quartr part in money and ayght pound in pork and the Rest of the pay is too be payd in whate Rye and ingin Corn Won half of this pay is too be payd by the last of march next and the other hallf is too be payd a month befor his yere is out and forty cord of wode which is too be payd in by the latr ind of the next Feueuery and thay which doo not pay wood in that tym shall pay in Corn at the Rat at 5 shillins a cord

at a ginnrall Town meting 10 d 10 m 1685 it was agred upon and uotid that Obadyah Sautill shall haue a small pes of land agoyning too his patchis Boundid with his own land and with the high way

Desembr 14 day 1685 at a ginarall town meting it was agred upon and uotid that thee Town wolld giue m Hubord ffour core pound

at a ginarall Town meting lagualy warned desembr 14 day 1685 the inhabitauc of the Town of grotin being ginaraly asembled then determinid and uotid that thay wold giue M Hubord ffour core pound this yere and soo from yer too yer and soo not rising any higr [*The last four words interlined*] anolally in spashie as foloweth twenty pound in money ayt pound in pork at three pens a pound and ffifty too pound in corn of all sorts as it plase god too blese them too be payd at too tarms won half by the furst of march next and the other half by the tenth day of novembr next and forty cord of wood which is too be payd yerly by the last of Jeniwary next and soo anoaly from yer too yere and not too Ris any Hirer

this Record is entr lined the sixt lin

understanding ye porke to be payd in the first halfe years pay I assent to ye uoat as witnesse my hand

GERSHOM HOBART

The sentence over the signature, as well as the signature itself, are in Mr. Hobart's handwriting.

1 d 11 m 1685 the Town desented from mr Hubords asinement too the uoat above menchened

at a seleckt meting 23 dec^m 1685: Samiwell Kemp was Chosin too swep the metin hous and he doo in gag too swep the metinhous

carefully wuns a weck in sumer tym and he is too haue won and twenty shilins for his labors for this yer

at the sam Timithy allin did tack the oth of a Tithin man

Cristiuer hall did tack the oth of a tithing man

at a ginarall Town meting grotin Desembr 28 d 1685 the inhabitnc of the Town being asembled then detarmined and uotid that m garshom Hubord have set him self at liborty from the sd Town as too any ingagement from him too them as thar ministr as allso have fred the Toown from any in[gage]ment too him self by mr Hubrds Refusing and sliting what the sayd Town ofvered him for his sallory at Too seuerell Town metings as doo apers by Reckord in the Town book and that the Town is yet Redi and willing too agre with him for the futr and if he se case from this uote thar was no man decented

at a ginarall Town meting grotin desem 28 d 1685 the inhabitanc being ginarally asembled that they did then agree and by uot declar that they will giue Mr Hubord this yer a hundrid pound and from yer too yer as standing wagis in pay as followeth teen pounds worth in pork and the Rest of the pay shall be payd in such pay as it plase god to bles us with all — the pork is too Be payd at threpanc a pound and the corn at cort pris

william longley doth desent from this uote Jonas prescod Joshiway whitny Dackn Loranc nicklas Cady jr Willam gren

4 d 11 m 1685

This hundred pound uote was confurmed at a ginarell Town metin hild at grotin 4 d 11 m 1685 the second time and mr hubords asinement too the fower cor pound uot was not consentid too

8 d 11 1685 at a seleckt mens meting the seleckt men did mack a rat of seuenty fiue pound and did laue the Town at thar liberty too con furm the four cor pound for standing wagis and if thay if thay se cas be twen this and the day of aleckyon of the Town ofisers

at a ginarall Town meting 1 d 12 1685 the Town of grotin agred upon and uotid that the seleckt men shall mack uoat for mr Hubards yers sallary of a hundrid pound in pay as is expresed in that uot which pasd 28 d 10 m 1685

at a seleckt mens meting 5 d 12 m 1685-86 Samiwell Kemp was chosin too swep the metin hous for the yer 1686 and his yer be gin the tenth day of march next and he is too haue won and twenty shillins for that work in corn pay

at a genirill Town 21 day 2 m 1686 the nams of thos parsins which war chosin tithin men Joseph loranc Palig Loranc Nicklos Huchion Samiwell Wods sener Jonathan Loranc
at the sam meting Josiah Parkr was Chosen Clark of the Rits

at a ginarall toown meting held at grotin July 27 1686 it was then agred upon and uotid that thay wold giue too mr garshom Hubord four core pound a yer and soo anoloaly as he continou the Towns ministr won quartr part in money the other thre parts in such as it plas god too bless them with all in cas the non Residnc pay thar purporsion as they haue doon formerly don
but otherwise and if the non Residnc be exemptid we doo agree too giue the sayd garshom Hubord seuenty pound this yer and soo anoly won quartr part in money and if any pursin canot paye his part in money have a liborty too pay his quartr part in corn or other prouision at half prise

Josiah Parker, the ninth town clerk, was the son of Captain James and Elizabeth (Long) Parker, and was born in the year 1655. He held the office during the remainder of 1686 after the death of Mr. Morse, and until the year 1691 inclusive. His handwriting was good, and he expressed himself well. He was a Captain, and served in the war against the Indians; he was in command at Groton, July 21, 1706, when Nathaniel Healy, of Newton, one of his company was "waylaid" and slain, together with Ebenezer Seger, also of Newton, "as they were going to Meeting On the Sabbath day." His brother, Joshua, subsequently married the widow of his predecessor.

At a select mens meeting Decembr the 3th. 1686: we ye sd select men find the town indeebted as foloweth viz

to Capt James Parker for tacking ye towns Invoic in ye year; 1685	0	3	0
to Samuell Kemp for sweping the meeting houes in ye year 86 his year began on march ye 10	01	01	0

to James Parker for worke don at ye highways in ye year 84	0	06	0
to William longly for Runing the line betwen this & chelmsford	00	03	0
to Josiah Parker for ye select mens expences mony	0	2	6
for ye papr 3 qur	0	1	6

Decembr: 10: 86 Thes aboue named Deebts ware aproued by a town voat.

Atest JOSIAH PARKER *Clark*

this payd to ye aboue sd porsons p order of ye select men:

Decembr. 10: 1686 at a Ginral towne meeting to chons town ofesers. cap^t James parker was Chose modrater for y^t day: for constabls Christepher hall: and Nicklos cady sen^r

for select men 1 cap^t James Parker 5 James Parker
2 John Page 6 Peleg lawranc
3 Josia Parkr 7 ensi John lacken
4 John Parish

Josiah Parker Clarke for this year

for sauaiers of high ways John Mors John Barron Jonathan lawranc nathanell blood

a comitey chos to tacke notes of incrochments in to high ways & towns land lef Willim Lacken sargnt James Knop Copo^r John Page

and what thay find amis to reglaut &. so to macke ther Report to ye select men

Corporal page chous to Joyne with the former comity to see that all ye seats be filed; in ye meting hous:

Groton. Decmbr: 24: 1686 At a towne meeting Jams Parker Juner was chos by the town to sue John Page for so much as was due to Mr Gershom hobart in the year that the s^d Page was constabell the s^d page Refusing to bring an aquetanc from Mr Gershom hobart to the towne and whart charg the sd Parker is exposd to the town is to mack good to him

Atest JOSIAH PARKER *Clark*

Decembr 24th 1686: At a Ginrall town meeting: Joseph parker sener being Rated for a 28: acer right for some years past & now Refusing to pay for. 10. acres of s^d 28 acres the town deed then by voat Detarmen and grant to cap^t James Parker the s^d 10 acer Right

with ye same priueligs that outher ten acer Rights haue had that ware lately granted by ye town ye said cap^t parker payeng the dues past & to come that shall arise on a ten acre right with all after deuishans

JOSIAH PARKER *Clerk*

April 14th 1687 the Selectmen chose Capt James Parker & Peleg Lawranc to Renew the line betwe Chelmsford and groton which thay atended and are to have thre shilings apiese for the labor to be payd by ye town 06 00

April. 14. 1687. Sargnt James Knop Zachriah Parker & Joseph Gilson ware chose to renew the line betwen mr Jonathan Tyngs new Plantaton & our Towne. and thay atended y^e sd work on June folowing: 22. & 23 days. for which sd Knop is to Receue fine shilings p day & sd Parker & gilson three shiling & six penc p day apece. which is to be payd by y^e town. y^e total is 01 = 04 = 00

June: 14th 1687 the comity chosen Decembr: 10th 1686 this day by examanatoun of a high way lying betwen y^e lot y^t was wilim martins & Joseph Lawrance find by euedans y^t y^e incrochment in y^e high way is by the sayd Joseph lawranc except in one Place ouer against Joseph lawrancs houes & ther is a swamp oack tree so marked within Insin lackens fence and eleswher ye high way to Remain & Continu four pols wid & what it now wants is tacken out of Joseph lawrancs that he now injoys as ye markes derect: finding him to be ye incrochr: ye witns

Jams Parkr
Nathaneel blood
Atest JOSIAH PARKER *town clarke*

The Town Dr: 1687 Noumbr. 7

	£		
To Corpral John Page for goeng to Salam to fech John Longlys Rats	00	07	00
to Sag^t James Knop and corp^r John Page for inspecting incrochments	00	04	0
to Samell Kemp for sweping ye meeting house	01	01	0
To James Knop for Reneweng the line betwen m^r Tyngs new Pantaton & our towne	00	10	00
To capt James Parkr for Reneweng the line betwen chelmesford and our towne 1 day	00	03	0

and betwen m^{r} tyngs & our towne 2 days	00	07	0
to Peleg lawranc for reneweng the line betwen chelmsford & our towne	00	03	0
to Joseph Gilson for atending Sarg^{nt} Knop in Reneweng ye line betwen m^{r} Tynge & our towne	00	07	0
to Purchis a Constabls Stafe in pay	01	01	0
to James Parker for saruing an atachment on corprall Page	00	01	6
	03	03	6

Decembr. 9. 1687 this aboue writon accoumpt was Read to the towne and aproued p ye s^{d} towne:

Attest JOSIAH PARKER *Towne clarke*

3 03 6

Groton. Decmbr. 9th 1687 At a ginrall town meeting to chous towne ofesers Capt James Parker chose modrater for that meeting: Constabel for ye year. Elias Barron: Select men

1 Jonas Prescot [*This name erased.*] William green senor
2 Jonathan Sawtall Samwell Woods senor
3 Joshua Whitny
Wiliam Longly Clarke for ye year.
Surwayers. Zachriah Sawtall
Wiliam Longly Cornelos church
Samull Scriptur Justinen holden

William Longley was chosen town clerk for the year 1688, though it does not appear that he served for any length of time. At the first town meeting after his election, Josiah Parker was re-chosen to the office, as will be seen by the records of the next meeting.

A town Rate mad by the selectmen febuery. 28. 1687. containeng	05	18	4
wherof ther is payed to those which ye town was indeebted to	05	02	6
of which 5^{li} 2^{s} 6^{d} was mony	00	07	6

Groton maye the 21. 1688 at a genarall Town metten acording to law the town did Chuse for selectmen

Captain Parker	Jonah Prescott
Liftenant laken	John Page se
Peleg lawranc	Josaah Parker

and for a Commishoner Sargant Jeams Knap
and for Constable elias baran Josiah Paker Town Clarck

The record of the meeting as far as this point is in the handwriting of Longley, but the other entries are in that of Parker.

for suruayers Zackriah Sawtall

Wiliam Longly	Samull Scriptur
Cornelos church	Justin holdeng

May: 21. 1688 The inhabtants of Groton Granted to Samull Adams ye pond that lyes neare buck medow which hath its outlet into the medow known by ye name of Tyngs Couee and the swampy land adioyeng ther to prouided ye sd land do not exceed fifteen accers;

atest; JOSIAH PARKER *Clarke*

and sd adams hath liberty to drean the s^d pond at ye small brook that unes in to Tyng's Coue prouided sd Adames macks good all dameges that shall be don ther by

Groton; May; 21th 1688 at ye anueal meeting 23 of the inhabtans of Groton then uoated that ther should be land sould to the uarlow of forty shilings mony at six penc p accer prouided this land to be Layed out be taken up be four mills from the meeting hous at lest;

atest JOSIAH PARKR *Clark*

at the same time seurell of the inhabtants decented from the aboue named uoat and entred ther names

JOSIAH PARKER
JOHN PAGE
JAMES NUTING

Groton: May ye 21th day: 1688 at ye anueal towne meeting the Inhabatan of this towne deed then by the maior uoat grant for the incoregment of such men as will set up Ioran works at masabog pond; that thay shall haue ye ues & improument of the woods and timbr y^t is now common one the est sid of uncuttanaset brook and

so to nashua riuer and groton line est ward & south ward to good man greens masobog medow for ther incorigment in ye s^d worke allways prouided ye inhabatnts of ye afere s^d towne resarue to y^m selus the liberty to cut the wood for ye ues of s^d works and also for carting of ye s^d wood or coall prouided ye s^d workes be up or seteng up betwen this day and the 21th day of may next; no man inhabiting with in ye s^d town to be hindred from wood or timbr for his one ues

Atest JOSIAH PARKER *Clarke*

A sworn declaration of John Lowwell and Thomas Blanchard, both of Dunstable, is recorded in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds at East Cambridge (XVIII. 488, 489), setting forth the fact that they were at Massapoag in Groton, on the twentieth day of May, 1689, and did "help both to dige for & to sett up some part of an Iron Worke." From this record it would appear that the vote of the town had its desired effect.

July: 13: 1688 at a meeting of the select men thay then deed alow to James fiske Junr out of the Rate made to Releue the pouer in pay: 12^s: money: 1^s: 6^d £00 - 13 - 6:
butt after refused to Receue it at the towns hands.

A town Rate made by the select men
containeng £9 - 14^s - 9^d: ¼ money £09 - 14 09

Elias Barron gaue in his acomp^ts to ye towne and y^r Remains due
to ye towne money: 9^s: 10^d. and pay: £0 9 - 10
£2 : 12 - 9
and from cap^t Parker money £0 - 08 - 0
Capt Parker payed his aboue s^d 8^s in nayels for y^e £0 - 8 - 0
meeting houes

a a Ginrall towne meeting June. 24. 1689 towne ofeseres chose for the yeare ensueng

John farnworth	Constabelle	
select men	Jonas Prescott	Capt Parker
	John Parish	Mathias farnworth

[*These last four names are crossed out in the original.*]

June: 24th 1689 at a towne meeting towne ofesers chose

Capt Parker modrator		John farnworth cunstabell
Select men	Capt Parker	John Paresh
	Jonas Prescott	Josiah Parker Clarck
	John Page	
Suruayr of highways	Cornelos Church	Enosh Lawranc
	Stephen holden	Mathias farnworth
	John Longley	
fenc ueiwrs	Daneil Cadye	James Parker
	Ephram Philbrok	Wm Sandors

august 12th 1689: at a towne meeting it was then detarmened by uoat that thay would geeue to mr Gurshom hobart the anueall alowanc of aighty pounds p yeare in specea acordeng to the former agreemen bareng date august. the. 2: 1686: and: 40: coard of wood prouided thos men that here after enter ther names do pay such mens proporshan of money as do bring in corne to them at ye prises folowing wheat at 2s 6d Ry at 2s Inden corne at 18d p bushell good and marchentabell: the persons that are to pay the money are

Prouided thos men that will bring in ther corne do enter ther names within one weeke after the date hereof	Capt James Parker Lef Jonas Prescot John farnworth Josiah Parker

Groton: August the: 12th: 1689 at a towne meeting it was then detarmened by uoate that the select men should forthwith mack a teen pound Rate leued on on euery Inhabetant proposhonably to maintain soulders at mr hobarts garason: to the number of fouer untell thay be orderly Remoued from us

Atest . JOSIAH PARKER *Clarke*

August. 12. 1689	Capt James Parker:	Sarg Jonathan Sawtall
	Decon Lawranc	John farnworth
	Cornelos church	& Josiah Parker
	Lef Jonas Prescot	

do Respond for the non Resedents Rats to Mr hobart for this yeares solory

Septmbr: 30th: 1689 one singel Rate to the Countrey is £14 . 09 05

At a meeting Decmbr. 10th 1689 then town ofesers chose for the year ensueng

Constabelle	Josiah Parker	
for select men	Capt James Parker	Corprall John Page:
	Left Jonas Prescott	Left Wiliam Lacken
	Sargt Jonathan Sawtall	
Surwayers of highways	William Green	John Page
	lefet Jonas Prescott	Simon Stone

[*In the margin of the above record.*] decmbr. 9. 1690 The fiue suruayers chose in ye yer 89 uoted to same for the year 96

fenc uewers	Enosh Lawranc	Cornelos church
	John Paresh	John Cady

att ye select mens meeting Decmbr 10: 1689 Joseph Lawranc agreed with to swep ye meeting house hang out ye flag & carry water for Baptiseng children for one yere: & is to haue for yt saruis ye sum of 26s £01 06 00

	£	s	d
towne deter to Elias Baron	£1	02	6
for shingell & shingling ye meeting house. in decembr. 10th 1689:			
more for a lader & ye meting hous	£0	02	0
to Josep lawranc	0	09	0
. . . Joseph lawrance pay		17	

Decmbr. 20th 1689: fiue Pay Rates made by the selectmen containeng £72 - 07 - 01
and tow Rates and an halfe money £36 - 03 - 06

Decmbr. 23. 1689 At a towne metting legaly warned one porpos to Know the towns mind in what way to Raise Publick charges in the towne the towne then unamisly uouted and declared that it should be Raised acording to our former custom as it is Recorded in the towne book. in the year. 1681:

at the same meeting agreed & uoted that that no Indein shall come into our towne to dwell or trad without lisanc from authority:

At ye sam time Jos Page James Knop and Samll woods senr ware chose by the towne to statte ye bounds betwene the contrey highway & mr hobarts land & swamp p ye Request of seuerall of the naibours: mr hobart allso hauing notes there of

Bounds statted the same day & markes made by ye aboue sd men:

April 8th 1690 William Green beeing ouer Rated to ye contrey one hoad to seuen rats and halfe is to be considerd by the select men the next Rate

p ordr JOSIAH PARKER *Clerk*

april the 28th 1690; tenn Pay Rates £144 - 14 - 02

Septembr. the: 4th 1690 tow Rates & halfe money beeing £36 - 03 - 06

Octobr 27th 1690 At a ginrall towne meeting it was then uoated that thay would pay mr Garshom hobart aighty pound p year according as it is writen in the towne booke for the yeare insueng; prouided; he come & be with us so that we haue a constant soply of precheng the word on lords days by himselfe or som other autherdocks minester of ye gospell:

Decmbr: 9th 1690 towne ofecers chose for ye year ensueng

for constabls	Zachriah Parker and	John Lackan Jr
Selectmen	Lefr Jonas Presot	Wiliam Longly
	Sargt James Knop	Josiah Parker Towne Clark
	Sargt John Paresh	
Tietheng men	Wiliam Green	Nicklos huchens
	Samuell warner snr	Joshua Whetny senr
ouer seeres of swine	Jonathan Lawranc	Samll Woods senr
	Samll Woods Juner	Nat Lawranc
	Nick huchens	benimn Farner
	Steuen holden	Joseph Lawanc

decmbr. 9. 1690. at a ginral towne meetting it was then uoated that master hobart [*The record not completed.*]

June. 18th. 1691. At a ginral towne meeting legaly warned the towne being ginerlay together ded then by uoat declar that thay would stand to their counant with mr hobart and honestly performe it to him prouided mr hobart return to us and purforme his duty amonst us as was promised by him when we entred into coumant with him; viz; aighty pounds pur year and so yearly; one forth part in money and the other three parts in prouishan as it expresed in the counant in the newe towne book and forty Cord of wood and so aneuely

Read and aproued by the maior part of the towne:

attest JOSIAH PARKER *Towne Clarke*

The names of those that decent from the aboue s^d towne act but do promes for to pay their owne proposhans to m^r hobart of ye s^d aighty pounds and forty cord of wood

John Page	John Paresh
James Knap	Sam^ll Wood senr
James Parker Ju^r	Tho Tarball
Nicolos hutchens	John Lacken Ju^r
Zachriah Parker	Josiah Parker
John Lawranc	

Dcembr: 10th: 1691 Towne offecers chose for the yeare insueng

Constabls	Jonathan Lawrance	Thomas Tarball:
Select men	Capt James Parker	Lef^t Willim Lacken
	Lef^t Jonas Prescott	Sarg^t James Knap
	Sarg^t James Parker Junr	
Towne Clarke	Lef^t Jonas Prescott	
Suruayers of high ways	Ensign John Laken	John Page Sener
	Lef^t Prescot	Simon Stone
	William green	

Decmbr. 10: 1691: Chose for fence uears & hoge constables
- Enosh Lawrance
- Zach Parker
- Danel Cady
- Elezear Parker

Zakriah Sawtall agreed with to be saxton for ye yeare Ensuing for which he is to haue twenty fiue shilings £1 - 5 - 0

agreed upon that a counell shall be caled Refuring to ye setlment of a minester amongest us as that ye Charges shall be borne by the towne; &c.

Coñisnoers to Try small cases

Capt James Parker	John Page sener
Lef^t Jonas Prescot	

A towne Rate made p ye select men in ye year: 1690 ⁸⁄₉: containeng £3 - 3 - 0

which was desposed on as foloweth

to Joseph Lawrance for sweping ye meeting house and hangeng out ye flag £1 - 6 - 0

to sargn^t Knop & Zach Parker

for Repayring ye pound	£0 - 13 6
to Renewing ye line betwen Chelmsford and our towne 2 days at 3^s	£0 - 06 0
to James Nutting for katchen of woulues 3	£0 - 9 - 0
to Joseph Parker for catching of a wolfe 3^s	£0 - 3 - 0
left in ye constables hands namly	
Zach Parker to purches a lock for ye pound	5 – 6
this account was Read and approued by ye towne.	Decmbr.. 10:

1691

as attest JOSIAH PARKER *Towne Clarke*

Jonas Prescott, the tenth town clerk, was the son of John and Mary (Platts) Prescott, of Lancaster, where he was born in June, 1648. He held the office during the years 1692 and 1696; his handwriting is plain, but his spelling is simply abominable. He married December 14, 1672, Mary, daughter of John and Mary (Draper) Loker, and they had four sons and eight daughters. Two of the sons died young, but all the other children lived to grow up and have families. The eight daughters, with one exception, married Groton men, and were blessed with a numerous offspring. He was the grandfather of Colonel William Prescott, who commanded the American forces at the battle of Bunker Hill, and who was the grandfather of the distinguished historian. Jonas died December 31, 1723, aged 75 years, having filled many important positions in the town.

groton dasamber 21 1691 at a genaral town meting lagaly warn & the town being genaraly matt togeth[er] did then uoat that thay would inuite som meet parson to prach gods word to them with as much speed as as may be

2 At the same day thay did apoint and by uoat daclare that sa Josiah parkar and sar John parish & Wiliam longly & sar James parkar should go down & fach up som meet parsan to preach to us & the town is to bare the charg

groton dasamber 28. 1691 at a genaral town meting lagalaly warned the inhabitants did then by uoat daclare that thay would giue to the minister m^r hancock aight pounds money for the first

quarter of the yere and pay for his bord besides & this to be payed by way of Raate

the same day ye town did uoat that the charges Rafaring to the ministers & rooms m^r hobrt & the other minister should be payd out of the 3 pound of paper bells of cradit in the capt hand that was giuen for scouting

it was uoated allso that thay would pay 5 shilins par week in corn an prouishan for his bord

John Page goodman woods senr & Joseph lawrence John baron Curnals Church & John farnworth was chosen tything men by the salackt men for to sarue in the yere 169½ at a meting of ye salact men genware 26 day 1691

The following entry, from its position in the records and from the context, evidently belongs in this place.

Groton march: 21: 1692 at a genaral town meting lagaly warned the town did then by uoat datarman that thay would giue to master hancock the full som of sixtey pound one fourth part siluer for a yers salarey for Preaching in order to ordnation in dew time and the other three parts in pay corn or prouishon at comon prys & mr hancocock bord himsalf

JONAS PRESCOTT *Clark*

daken lawrans John Parish
Jonas Prescott Cornalus church

was chosen to dascors with mr hancock to see if he wil acsapt of the towns profr

in groton may the: 16: 1692 the inhabitants of the town being mat togather this day to consider of som tarmes Rafaring to mr hancocks wadges for praching the word of god to us & thay did this day by uoat datarman to giue mr hancock fiue pounds in money for his praching 8 sabath days before the comminsment and pay for his bording and then if he pleas to acsapt of the towns proposishans in order to satlment in dew time wt the inhabitants of this town shall Radely acsapt of him for our minister &c

JONAS PRESCOTT *town clark*

James nuting hath cradit for both his pay Rats

May 16: 1692 the inhabitants did the same day uoat that the town charges for this prasant yere shall be Raised by parsons and astats acording to law &c

at a genaral town meting lagaly warned the: 21: of ocktober: 1692: the maiger part of the town then by uoat daclare that thay would Rais the Rates for this prasant yere both for minister and town by Rateabl astats acording to law;

the same day the maiger part of the town did by uoat daclare that thay ware wiling for mr carter to com forth with to be our satled minister in order to ordanation in dew time ockt: 21: 1692

at the same meeting the town did agree to giue mr Carter for this prasant yere the som of sixty pounds in manar as foloweth one fourth money the other part in corn and prouisione at town pryse to be payed the one half by the first of march and before as he needeth it and the other half by the 16. of saptem naxt insewing after the dat hereof ockt 21: 1692

at a genaral town meting lagely warnid dacember the. 12. 1692 this day the town did chus for constabls this yere

nathanil lawrens and steuen holdin

the salackt men for this prasant yere are these as foloweth

John farnworth	Wilim langly
Jonathan lawrans	Zackrey parker
Siman Ston	

the same day the 12. of dacember the town did then chuse

capt parkr	and John Page
laft lakin saner	and sarg Knop
and Samll Woods	and Wiliam green

Jonas Prescott to seat parsons in the meeting hous acording to thare best disscrashan and acording to the Ranks & quality of parsons

Wiliam langly was chosen town clark for this prasant yere

For suruares for this prasant yere are these

goodm huchins	corpral Warnr
& Samll Parkar	tho tarball

the same day the town did by uaat giue to corpral Warnar a small quantety of land lying betwen Joseph gilsons lot and his own

as atast JONAS PRESCOTT *Clark*

the town did the same day uoat to giue for a saxton to swep the meting hous & put out the flag and doe all the work of a saxton thay wil alow twenty shilins

The Rates mad by the salackt men for the payment of the saueral sames spasifyed in the aboue manshaned sames & commmited the constabls

a Rat mad by the salackt men & commited to the 2 constables

to Jonathan lawrans constabl money	3 –	3 –	7
& to tho tarball constabl money	2 –	7 –	3
tarbals comon pay	1 –	4	1
lauranses comm pay	1	12	6
the whol som of money	5	10	10
the whol som of comon pay	2	16	7
The whol som of the Rates in comon pay			
Raised in the yere 1692 was	7	5	2
of which the captin is payed	6	14	0
thare is still in constabls tarbals hand to			
pay to the saxton	0	5	1

thes accounts was Rad & aproued by the town the. 12. of dacember 1692

as atast JONAS PRESCOTT *town clark*

James nuting hath cradit for both his pay Rats to the minesters

bord	0	1	11
to Wil longly	0	2	2
corp warner	0	2	0

William Longley, the eleventh town clerk, was the son of William and Joanna Longley, and held the office during the year 1693 and until his death in the summer of 1694. His father had previously held the same position, and from the similarity of their names the two have sometimes been confounded with each other. The tragical fate of the son's family will long be remembered. With the exception of one boy, they were all massacred by the Indians on the morning of July 27, 1694. They lived about a mile north of the village; and last autumn the town, in commemoration of the sad event, erected a monument on the site of their dwelling-house. William Longley made an entry in the town records July 19, only eight days before his death, and during the remainder of the year the records appear to have been kept by different persons. In making his records, he used the new

style of reckoning so far as to begin the year with the first of January. His son John, who alone of the family escaped from the massacre, subsequently was town clerk during several years.

Jenuary 1, 1693 at a genaraell town meetting orderley warned the town did by the maier uote determine ye they would raise all the charge for this present year on untill ye town see cause to allter ye waye by Ratable estat as foloweth euery maill head at sixteen years and upward at one shilline in the single and so to duble with ratable estate acording to law each horse 40 shillins each ox at 40 shillins each cow 30 shillin sheep and swine 4 pound par scor all impruf land at 10 shillins par acor exscept pastors and medows that are with in fenc a 5 shillins par acor euery house ye hath but one schimney at one peney in ye single and so preportionnall euery barn with one baye at one peney in the single and so proportishanable and Liften prescot for his mills at 50 pound in ye single

as wittness WILLIAM LONGLEY *town Clarck.*

ienuary the 1 — 1693 the town did agree for to alow Samuell Scriptor Se and John gree 20 shillins a peess in town paye and no more

the same daye the town did agree to alowe goodwife Church 2 shillins in town paye and no more

Fabruary the 6 1693 the inhabitanc being met togather for to Consider of sum waye for to preuent futar unnessesary charges did by uott declare that they would petishone unto the genaraill Court that ther representetiue might be relesed from atending the Seshone any more

the same daye the town did by uott desclare that they would haue dacon Lawranc for to manidge the portistione for them which the Comithy hath draw up

March 6 1693 at a genarall town meeting Legally warned Town ofiser were choosen for this year whose names are under writen

for constables	nathanal lawranc	and Steuen holden
for selectmen	William Longley	Samuell Woods sen
	Joh fannworth	elias baran
	Zacarih Parker	William Longley town Clarck
for Commishonnor		Jeams parker Junor

the Commity for to giue the select men in stractione for this year is Jeams Knap John Page sen and william green

for tiethen men	Joseph Lawranc	Jeams nuttin
	mathias farnworth	danaiell Cadey
	Samuell parker	
for siruars of the hy waye	Liftenant Lacken	Joshua Whitting se
	John farnworth	William green
for fenc fuer	ephram Phillbrick	nathannaill blood
	John green	William Lacken Ju

march 6 1693 The orders which the towns Committy gaue to the selectt men are as followeth

1 that the Select men tack care that all the town deats that apear for to be due be paied both to minis:er and town

2 that the selectmen giue orders to the siruars of hy waye that the Kings hy waye be sophishantly mended and if any comeplaint be thorow the neglect of the select men they shall bare the blam and the town be aquited

3 the shall tack speshall care that no parson or parsons whatsoeuer shall abide in this town apone any pretenc whatsoeuer unless it be such as have paranct frinds or relatione that will Respond for the towns sequrity

4 that they tack care that all swine be sophishantly yocked and Ringed for the preuentione of damidg and that all horses that goe about the Habitable part of the town be fetered and all other Cretor that be unrully be tacken car of as the Law directs and that all fensess be Repored acording to Law

5 that the present charges shall be Leuied by the inuoise that the selecttmen mack the Rate by for the Representetiues shall be the inuoises for to raise this present charge by which doth apeare for to be due

6 that the select men tack a inuoise sum time the mouneth agust for the use of the town or any parson or parson for to seithe on they shall be aquited at any asessment Layed on them

7 and that the selectmen shall raise all the charg for this year by Ratable astate as followeth namely euery head at one peney in a single Rate exsept it be such parsons thatt are nott ender couer barn and such parsons to be rated at the discrestion of the selecttmen and all other estats to be rated as followeth one hors at forty shillins and one ox at forty shillins and a cow at thirty shillins

sheep and swin at fore pounds pur score and all impruffed Land at ten shillins pur acor exsept pastors at fiue shillins pur acor

8 and whatsoeuer els doth apear for to be of a prudenshall nator the select men are Required for to tack care of

JAMS KNAP his / marck
WILLIAM GREEN his + marck
JOHN PAGE Seyer

March the 23 1693 at a meetin of the select men Samuell Woods sener was chosen sealler of waits and mesurs

Groton Aprill 12 1693 Know all peple by thes presenc that Nathanaeill Lawranc senor hath Reseiued full satisfactione by the select men and Constables for sarueing the town as a Representiue at the two first sestione

I saye reseiued by me NATHANNIL LAURANCE

Groton April 12 1693 Know all peple by thes presenc that John Page senor doth fully and and Clearely acquite the town select men and constables for sarfing the town as a representetiue at the first held at boston in ye year 1692

as witness my hand JOH PAGE seneyer

Payed to Nathanail Lawranc se aight pounds in mony

Payed to John Page se two pounds sixteen shillins and nine penc in mony

Groton May 15 1693 At a genaraell Town meetin order warned the town did agree that they would for the present time hire mister hobart house for the minister if they can haue it apone Rashanall tarms and that they will parchis a piess of Land for the ministree and build a house apone in conuenant time waiting apone the prouenc of god as it maye direct and it for to Remaine for the ministree for euer

as attest WILLIAM LONGLEY *Town Clerck*

maye 15 1693 the Town being met together ther unto orderlie warned then the town did by uote declare that they would not send nor Choose any parson nor parsons for to Represent them at the great and genaraill Corte or asembley

John page senor Jeams Kemp John Stone and William Longley se desent from this uote John farnworth and Steuen holden

The Town Resons is they do not iudg themself layable nether acordind to Law nor Charter

as atest WILLIAM LONGLEY *Town Clerck*

groton august 22 1693 at a genaraell town metting orderley warned the town did chouse Captaine parker & Liftennant Lackens & liftenant Prescoctt and John page & John farnworth to be a Comemitty for to purcish a pease of Land for ye minstry and ther was fore plases propounded which ye town is willen to purchis namely m^r hobarts Joshua wheets John Lawranses and Jeams parkers or ether of them

october the 2 1693 the town did then by uote chouse Jeams parker Junor and William Longley Se for to goe down and see for a minster to preach the worde of god to them and the town to have the charg of it &

as wittness WILLIAM LONGLEY *town clarck*

Groton october ye 9 1693 at a genaraill town meeting legally warned the maiear part of the town did by uote declare that they would giue mister garsham hobart a call to be ther settled minnister if he will tack satisfactione with what the town can doo for him & for his incoridgment the said town did declare by the maier uote that they would giue to m^r hobart Sixty pound this present year one fouth part in money the rest in Corn and prouishone at town prise & forthty cord of wood and the said m^r hobart to rise and faill with the peple as the prouedanc of god maye be toward the peple and the said town will be at ye charge of seeking m^r hobarts famelie up againe & the town will giue fiue pound towards the reparing m^r hobarts house one quarter part of it to be in money and the rest to be in town paye

This Record was read in the town meeting and aprased by the town

as atest WILLIAM LONGLEY *town Clark*

October 30 1693 at town meeting Legally warned Capt Jeams Parker was chousen to Represent the town at ye great and genaraeell assembly held at boston the eaight day of nouember insuing the date here of

nouember the 14 1693 at a genaraeill town meetting Legally warned the town did by the maier uoate declar that they would giue m^r hobart sixty pound a year to be his standing wages from year to year in maner as follows one quarter part in money the

Rest in Corn and prouishione at town prise indian corn at 3 shillins pur busheill rye at 4 shillins par busheill wheat at 5 shillins par Busheill Cow beef 3 penc par pound ox buieff 2 peney half peney par pound porck at 3 penc par pound this to be his annewell salerey at forty cord of wood to be paid by the Last daye of Jenuary insuing & the sixty pound to be paied at tow terms one half by the first of march next insuing the date hereofe and the last paiment by the by the first daye of desember

nouember 14 1693 at a genaell town meetting Lagally warned the town did agree and by the maier uote declare that they would giue to m^r garsham hobart seuenty pound in spesha as folow sixty pounds for his annuell salerey one quarter part to be paied in money the Rest in corn and prouishone at town prise to be paied a tow tarms and one half by the first of march insuing the date herof and the Last payement to be by the first daye of Desember and the town to rise as the prouedanc of god maye be towards the peple prouided that m^r hobart will continieu to be our setled minister we the said town will not faill of thes propersishones

the other ten pound to be in town paye in the the rum of ye forty Cord of wood

this Record was aprased by the the town

as wittness WILLIAM LONGLEY *Town Clarck*

Desember 1 1693 at a town meeting order warned the town did agree with John page se to fech up a lood goods from miter hobarts for tweenty shillins in town paye

also they did agree with Samuell Scriptor se and John green for rashonall satisfactione

William Longley John page Ju Zachariah Parker elias baran Samuell Scriptor a thomas tarball for to go w^t horses to fech its up his fameley for fiue shillins apice

as witness WILLIAM LONGLEY *town Clarck*

sum totle 5 - 11 -

Jenuary 1 169¾ the town this daye did ingage to sequer the seleck men from any harm or dameidg that they shall meett with all in Respect of Decon nathanaell Lawranc in that he doth demand thirty 6 shillins in money for to be his dew for sarfing the said town as a representiue and the town doo Refuse to paye the said money the seleck men being estemed as the rest of the inhabi-

tanc in the mater also the town did by the maier uote chouse Liftenant Jonah Prescot & Jeams parker Ju for to answer in the case if the said Lawranc should truble ye seleck men or town and they did exsept of the choiss and they are to haue their paye for their pains when the said town is able to paye them

as wittness WILLIAM LONGLEY *town clark*

John page se desents from the aboue mentioned propersistione

March 5 1694 Those parsons that were chosen for town ofiser Samuell parker and daneill Cadey Constables

for selectmen Captain Parker Obadiah Sawtle
John farnworth Cornelaus Church
Liftenant prescott

[*In the record book, these names are crossed out.*]

for ueyer of ye hye ways Jeams Parker Jr Sephen holden

for hawards Elezir parker & Thomos Woods & for fence uewers

for tighing men Liftenant Lackens Jonathan Lawranc
John Page se John Stone
Samuell Woods

William Longley Town Clarck

Captain parker Simon Stone
Liftenant lakin Zachariah parker
John farnworth Nathanaeill Lawranc
William Longley

[*These names are probably intended for those of the selectmen which are crossed out.*]

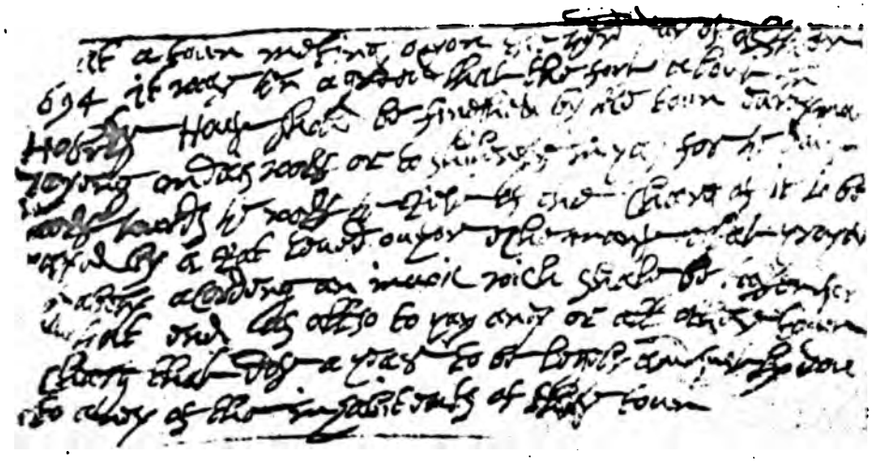
a Commeetee to giue the select men instractions for this yeare is John Page se Jeams Parker & Sargant Knape

the same three men were to tack notes of y^t^ pise of Land which Samuell Woods desired of the town and their report of the mater the town will tack satisfactione withall the same men are the commity to exsamin Liftenant prescots Recor

March 26 1694 The town did by the maier uote determine that the Choise of town ofiseser which was in March the 5 1694 should be the ofiser for this year both selectmen & Constable tighing men & all other town ofiser which was chosen that daye

Jeams parker Comistioner

as wittness WILLIAM LONGLEY *town Clark*



Fac-simile of Captain James Parker's handwriting.

Groton June 6 1694 A Comitey choosen for to meett with ye Indians to renew the bounds between Nashobah and the town as Instand at 8 Clock in ye morning is Captain Parker Simon Stone and William Longley

June the 25 1694 at a town meeting Legally warned the town [illegible] use for a comity to consider and wade in the mater depencing [illegible] nasobah and the town and they be John page senior John [illegible] and Lieftenant Jonase presecott and they are to act in ye [illegible] till they have brought it in to a fiall issew and they are to [illegible] Ra[illegible] all satisfactione for their paines

as atest WILLIAM LONGLEY *town Clerk*

[illegible] men are chosen to act in ye behalf of the town and [illegible] they to the town will be satisfied withall

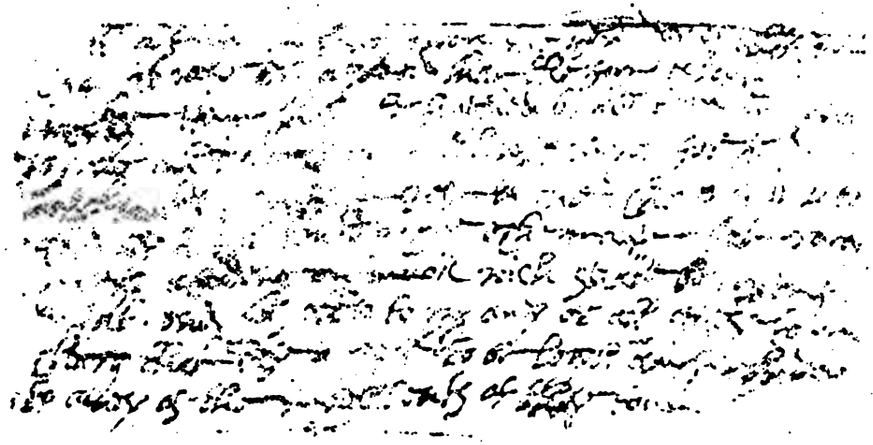
July 19 1694 at a town meeting Lagally warned the town did choose for arisors Lieftenant Jonas Prescott John Page senior and Jonas Parker Junior

The entry given above was made by William Longley, only [illegible] days before he was killed by the Indians. The following one is in Jonas Parker's handwriting.

At a town meeting upon the theird day of October 1694 it was then agreed that the fort shall Mr Hoards House shall be fortified by the town every man paying on days worke or to [illegible] ings in pay for the dose work [illegible] the Rest of the [illegible] and that lieut [illegible] the [illegible] proportionably acording to inuole which is de taken for that end as [illegible] to pay away or all other town rating that is [illegible] to be [illegible] and justly lent to any of the inhabitants of there town

December the 24 1694 at a general town meeting being legally warned the town did then by a fat daclaire that they would Rais [illegible] tow Rates for this prasent yer both for ministers and town [illegible] shillings sertain upon every head Ratabl according to law and [illegible] of the sam to be Rised upon Ratabl estat lands and cattel [illegible] improvement

The same day the town did chose capt parker and left prescott [illegible] the genarel cort to pray & manidg a peti [illegible] Rafering [illegible] found doem which is sant for and to get som other [illegible]



Facsimile of a letter from Thomas Parker's hand, 1563.

Groton June 6 1694 A Comitey chousen for to meett with y^e indians to renew the bounds between Nashobah and the town 22 instand at 8 Clock in ye morning is Captan Parker Simon Stone and William Longley

June the 25 1694 at a town meetting Legally warned the town did chouse for a comity to condser and wade in the mater depending between nosobah and the town and they be John page senor John farnworth and Liftenant Jonase prescott and they are to act in ye case untill they haue brought it unto a finall issew and they are to haue Rashanall Satisfactione for their paines

as atest WILLIAM LONGLEY *town Clarck*

and thes men are chosen to act in ye behalf of the town and as they do the town will be satisfied withall

July 19 1694 at a town meetting Lacally warned the town did choose for afesors Liftenan Jonas Prescott John Page se and Jeams Parker Junor

The entry given above was made by William Longley, only eight days before he was killed by the Indians. The following one is in James Parker's handwriting.

at a town meting oupon the therd day of October 1694 it wase then agreed that the fort aboue Mr Hobrds House shold be fineshed by the town eurey man payeng on das worke or to shilengse in pay for the daise work tourds the work the Rest of the Charg of it to be taxed by a Rat leued oupon eche manse estat proporsonabely acordeng an inuoic wich shale be taken for that end as allso to pay aney or all other town charg that dose apeare to be legely and justly dou to aney of the inhabitents of these town

dacember the 24 1694 at a genaral town meting being lagaley warned the town did then by uoat daclare that thay would Rais thare town Rats for this prasant yer both for minister and town fiue shilins sartain upon euery head Ratabl acording to law and the Rast of the sam to be Raised upon Ratabl astat lands and cattell and improvement

the same day the town did chuse capt parkar and left prescott to go to the genarel cort to prapar & manidg a patishan Rafaring to the 4 pound doom which is sant for and to get som other incoridg-

ment for the town to stay in the town and the patision is laft with the salacktmen to draw up for the good of the town and the sam cap parkr & left prescott is to haue Rasonabl satisfacktion for the same this was don by the major part of the town then mat decem 24: 94

Fab 18th 1695 the town this day by uoat did daclare that the patishon that was drawn up and rad in the town meting should be prafared to the genarooll cort and manidged by Jonas Prescott with as much prudanc as may be

as at st NATHANILL LAWRANC
in the nam of ye salackt

The records of the last two meetings, including the signature of Lawrence, were written by Jonas Prescott.

March: 4: 1695: Choise for town oficer for the yeare inceuing

for constable	Samuell Scripture	Joseph Cadey
for select men	John farnworth	John Stone
	Samuell parker	Daniell Cadey
	Thomas Tarble	
Town clark:	James Blanchard	
for suruáiers of the high waye	Samuell woods	Simon Stone
	Samuell warner	

ouerseeers of the swine

John huchin	Beniamen farnwo[rth]
John Shatducke	Nathaniell Bloode
Thomas wiliames	william Lakene

James Blanchard, the twelfth town clerk, was the son of John and Hannah Blanchard, of Charlestown and Dunstable. He was chosen to the office in the spring of 1695, and continued to hold it — with the exception of the year 1696 — until his death, which took place in February, 1703–04. His widow, Anna Blanchard, petitioned the Governor and Council, March 8, 1703–04, to be relieved from the charges of the funeral. This petition begins, "That whereas yr petitionrs Husband is Lately deced occasioned by ye hardships and difficulties he underwent in ye Late Expedition under Capt Tyng, & being taken sick, and dying att Charlestown, thereby occasioning a considerable charge to Arise." Among the

items of expenses rendered were: A winding sheet, 18 shillings; coffin, 10^s; grave digging 7^s 6^d; bellman, 1^s; pall, 5^s; gloves, £1 1^s; wines, sugar, and spice, £1 5^s 9^d. The petition and account are found in the Massachusetts Archives (LXXI. 1.) at the State House. In making his records, Mr. Blanchard was wont to utilize as far as possible the places left blank on the leaves, and sometimes the record of one meeting is found on five or six different pages; and each entry is generally signed with his name.

grorton december 10 1695 at a town meting legeley warned the town did then uote that Mr hubarts rate for this year should be raised seuen shilings apon the haed and the reast to be raised apon rateable estat acording to law

JAMES BLANCHARD *town clarke*

march 3^d 1696	Chosed for town oficers the year incewing for	
for constables	thomas woods and John Green	
for selectmen	cap parker	Samuell Warner
	Capt prescott	Stephen holding
	Leu^t Laken	
for town clark	capt prescott	
for suruayiers of the high ways	capt prescott	James Nuting
fence ueers	Joseph cade	Nathanell larrance
swinerd	Eleazer Green	Joseph Laken

Jonas Prescott, the tenth town clerk, was chosen again to the office in the year 1696.

[Gro]ton dacamber ye 10 1696 at a genaral town meting lagaly war[ned] the town did by uoat daclare by mair . . . that yay would pay 7 shilins a pees upon ye heed and ye rast of ye salerey to be paid upon Ratabl astat acording to law and ye inuoys yt was taken in augast 1696 to mak ye ministers Rate by

atast JONAS PRESCOTT *town clark*

the acount of ye salackt men in ye yere 1696

one Rat mad for ye contrey ye 28 of march 96 being ye Just som of 7 - 14 - 8

a 2 Rate mad for ye minister being ye som of 60 . 0 . 0
be sids wood 40 cord & to John nutin for being a saxton 1 . 3 . 9
and 2 half Rats more mad by ye salackt men for his
being ye som of 20 . 0 . 0
mad in August 28 1696
all ye Rats mad this yer for town & contry be sids mr
hubrds wood 10 . 0 . 0
as atast JONAS PRESCOTT *town clark*

for constabls this yere for ye yere 97
sarg elazar parker constabl John huchins consta
salackt men for ye yere 97 James blanchard Samuell Parker
enns John farnworth Simon Ston
thomas tarball
for town clark for ye yere 1697 James blanchard
Capte Parker town tresuer for this yeare
Nathiell Larranc Graniury for this year
Stephen holden Saruaier thomas Williams also
fenc uewer John Green enoch larranc
feeld driuers daniell perce abrahame laken
for tiding men Samuell woods sener deacn Whetny
enoch larrance John Stone

James Blanchard, the twelfth town clerk, after being out of office for one year, was chosen again to the same position in the year 1697, and held it until the time of his death.

at a town meting leglely warned . . . 1697 the town did uote and agree that thay would rais Mr hubarts rate this year seuen shilling upon the heade and the rest upon the estate
JAMES BLANCHARD *town Clark*

Grouton october 4, 1697 the town did uote and agree that thay would petition the Genrell Corte for help and relefe and easement of our rates JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*
at a town meating captin parker and insigne farnworth shoud goe and mannige the petition at the gennell corte

at a town meting legelely warned in march 1 : 1698
for constable thomas williams and Ben farnworth

for select men	Capt parker	James Nuting
	Capt prescote	John Stone
	insign farnworth	
for grand iurey	Sarg warner	James Blanchard Clark
for fenc uewer	thomas woode	epraham Perce
surueirer of the high ways	Eliazer Parker	John huchin
for to take inuarce	thomas tarble	
for hoge constable	obadiah sawtell	and Samuell Woods

december 21 at a town meting legely warned the town did then uote and declare that ye will chuse to men for to be the towns agents for to maniadge the case a bought the brigde and for to imply a lawyer in the behalfe of the town and that ye will raise money for to bare the charge of said men JAMES BLANCHARD *town clark*

at a town meting legely warning december: 21 1698. capãn Prascott was chosen for to go to chelmsford to meett with the commety and insign farnworth was chosen for to go with him to chamesford JAMES BLANCHARD *town Clarke*

december: 21 1698 at a town meting legelly warned the town did uote and chuse capt prescott and insign farnworth to go to Chelmsford to mete with the commete and to act in the towns be halfe acording to there best discrestion refering to billarca bridg

JAMES BLANCHARD *town Clark*

December 21: 1698: at a town metinge legelly warn the town did chuse capt prescott and Insign farnworth to be the to men for to acte in the towns be halfe for to do the work Spock of in the other uot JAMES BLANCHARD *town Cle[rk]*

at a town meting legelly warned the town did: uot that thay would rais a rate of twelue pound six pound in money and six pound in contrey paye for the paying of towns depts

JAMES BLANCHARD *town Clark*

[*Date uncertain.*] at a town meting legly warned the inhabitenc did vote that thay would raise the ministers Rate this year seuen shilling upon the heade and the reast upon the Estate 1698

JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

Sargt Larrnce and Eliazer Parker are chosen for to take the towns inuoyce for to make mr hubard rate this yeare insuing

Groton march::30 1699 at a town metin leagelly warned the

inhabitence: did meate and for constabs chosen Samuell Warner and John Stone

and for town Clark: James Blanchard

and for selectt men Capt Prescott and capt Parker and thomas tarble James blanchard & Samuell Parker

for suruarers of the high ways: for this yeare Enoch Larrance and James blanchard

Simon Ston for suruaire

for fence men Joseph laken and Joseph Cade:

for tiding men: Joseph Larrance Samuell Parker insign farmworth Samuell Woods Sener:

for to inform the suruair of the high ways where the high ways is Left Laken Samuell Woods and Samuell Scripter are the men:

at a town meting legelly warned May 9th 1699: Capt: Prescot was chosen for to atende the genrell Cort: for to sarue as a represintiue JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

grouton augest 22 at a town meating legelly warned capten prescot was chousen commisener for this yeare and James Blanchard was choesen to tak the inuoyce

august 22 1699 at the same meting the town did uote that thay would Raise a town Rate of six pounds in mony for defraying of town charges: at the same meeting the town did uote that thay would rais the town rate by the cuntry inuoyce

At a town meting leagely warned august: 22: the town did uote: that thay would build a cart bridge ouer Lancster Riuer at groton

at the same meting the town did uote and declare thet Capt parker and Captt prescotte and insigne farnworth should be a commety to uew the place whe the bridge should stand and to agree with men for to under take and bulde saide bridge August 22 1699:

Groton decmber: 4 1699 at a town meeting leagell warned the town did uote that thay would rais the minister's rate for this year seven shilling upon the: head: and the reast: upon thee estae tell the sum be made up as atest JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

december 4: 1699 the town: did uote: and declare: thay would giue: mr hubart for this year three score pound as thay did ye last

at the sam meting the town did uot that thommas tarbell daniell Cade James Blanchard ware chosen for to sell the highg way that runs to broad madow throw his land JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

at the same meting nouember 12 the town did uot that mr huburt should haue his pay one halfe by the last of March and the other halfe by the tenth of nouember next insuing and the forty cord of wood by the last of Janeury JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

aggust: 13: 1701 At. a town: metting legely warned the town did chus Joseph laken to take: the Inuoyce

JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

Groton September. 6. 1701 Sworn by the Select men ben farnworth sworn to the offis of Suruaiere

December 10th 1701 At a town meting legelly warned the town did uote and declare that thay would giue mr hubart our minister for the year 1702: Sixty seuen pound tenn shilling one querter money and the other three querters corn and prouision at town price and fortye cord of wood JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

at the town meting at the same time the town did uote that thay rais the ministers rate this year seuen shillings upon the head and the rest upon the estate JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

December 10th 1701 at a town meting legally warned the town meting legelly warned the the did uot that thay would giue mr hubart his wood as formerly JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

December 10: the town did uot that thay would rais fiue pound In mony for defraying of town charge JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

the town did uot that the commety shall not lay any land to any pertickeler parson at Nashobah end of the town

JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

The ouer plush of the Rate last made and now in the hands of Capt Prescote is ninetene shillings whic to be returned to the town trsuore JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

[*Date uncertain.*] At a town meting legelly warnede december 29 the town uot and agree that thay wold agree with Indianes upon reasnable tearemes and the town did uot and chus Capt prescot Insign farnworth thomas tarbel and dannel Cady and James Blanchard

Groton June 6 1694 A Comitey choosen for to meett with yᵉ indians to renew the bounds between Nashobah and the town as Instand at 8 Clock in yᵉ morning is Captan Parker Simon Stone and William Longley

June the 25 1694 at a town meeting Legally warned the town [illegible] use for a comitey to consider and wade in the mater depencing [illegible] nasobah and the town and they be John page senior John [illegible] and Lifetenant Jonase presc[illegible] and they are to acy in yᵉ [illegible] till they have brought it in to a final issew and they are to [illegible] Ra[illegible] all Satisfactione for their paines

as atest WILLIAM LONGLEY *town Clerk*

[illegible] men are chosen to act in yᵉ behalf of the town and [illegible] they to the town will be satisfied withall

July 19 1694 at a town meeting Lagally warned the town d[illegible] choose for afsors Lifenan Jonas Prescott John Page se[illegible] John Parker Junor

The enury given above was made by William Longley, only [illegible] days before he was killed by the Indians. The following [illegible] is in James Parker's handwriting.

At a town meeting upon the third day of October 1694 it was there agreed that the fort at the Mr Hoards House shold be [illegible] by the town survey man paying on das worke or to [illegible] ings in pay for the dose work [illegible] the Rest of the [illegible] and [illegible] Company [illegible] personally acording to inuole which [illegible] be taken for text and [illegible] to pay aney or all other town dering that [illegible] to be [illegible] and justly dew to aney of the inhabitants of there town

[illegible]ember the 24 1694 at a genarel [illegible] being legaley warned the town did then by a vote declare that they would Rais [illegible] tow Rais for this prasent year both for [illegible] and town [illegible] [illegible] certain upon every head Kattel according to law and [illegible] of the sam to be Rised upon Kattel astat lands and cattel [illegible] improvement

[illegible] same day the town did chose capt parker and left prescott [illegible] the genarel cort to plaer & manidg a peti [illegible] Rafering [illegible] [illegible] doom which is sant for and to get som other [illegible]

Chosen for gran Jury for the yerar Insu Benjmen farnworth
for select men chusen deacon Whitney liutene Larranc Samuell Parker

Chosen for suruaiers of the highway thomas tarbell nath wood John Chaduck John Perhame for tiding men for the year 1702 Simon Ston thomas Williams James nuting John huchin for fence uewer Joseph Cade thomas woods for hog constable William Whitney Nathaniell Woods JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

[*In the original record the Italicised words are crossed out by a line drawn through them.*]

at a town meting legelly warned March 23 1702 chosen for select men for the year Insuing liften larrance Capt Prescott Samuell Parker thomas tarbell benimen farnworth

JAMES BLANCHARD *town clarke*

for hog constable Samuell Shatduck and William Shatduck

at a town meting legelly warned the town did uot that thay would rais a town rate of six pound ten shillings and four pence for the paying of captin Prescott John nuting Joseph Parker william laken for runing the line and Insign farnworth whi and James blanchard

JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

at a town meting legelly warned the town did chuse Insign farnworth lifte larance and thomas Williams for a commity for to lay out land to thos to whome it is wanting thay makeing it so to apere JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

gróton: Jun: eight[t] 1702 at a town meting legelly warned the town: did by uote declare that thay would haue an artis: to lay out our madow at nashobah line and the land that the town: did grant to water power [Walter Powers?] and danell powers

JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

and at the same meting the town did chuse Capt Prescott to agree with an artise to Do the aboue sd worke and the artis not to exceede six shillings per day JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

at the same meting the town did uot that the artis shall begin at the lower end of beuere brook runing up the brook tell he cums to reedy [mea]dow and then runing up redy mady tell that is . . . and then runing up beauer brook tell that . . . and than Into long madow

at a town meting legelly warned Jun eighte 1702 the town did uote that thay would giue Peleg larraness Eairs three acers of madow whare thay ust to Improue and tenn acers of upland neare that madow upon the Conditions following that the aboue sd Peleg larrances heirs do deliuer up that Indian titelle which thay now haue to the town JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

at a town leaglly warned Jun : eight 1702 the town : did uot that thay would giue to robart robins Sener three acers of madow where he uste to Improue : and ten acers of upland near his madow upon the Conditions forlowing that he aboue sd Robart Robbins doth deliuer : up that Indian titels which he now hath : to the town

JAMES BLANCHARD *town Clarke*

Groton december : 11 : 1702 at a town meteing legally warndid the town did uote : that y^a^ would giue Mr hubart our minister for the year 1703 Seuenty pound one quarter part in mony and the other three quarters In prouition : and ten pound In wood at feiue Shilling per Cord : the wood to be all payed In by the last of Jneuary or fiue Shilling In pay In the leue of one cord of woode

JAMES BLANCHARD *town Clark*

At the same meting the town did uot that y^a^ would rais Mr hubberts rate for y^i^ year 170[3] seuen shillings upon the head and the remainder by the Cuntry Inuoyce JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

March : 1th : 1703 at a town meting legely warned chosen : for constable : for the year 1703 chosen for constable thomas Chamberlin for the second constable John Perham for the year 1703 : for town clack for this year James blanchard

for select men for the year 1703 : Samuell Parker James Nuting James Blanchard for tiding men Joseph gilson Benjmen farnworth Samuell Wood Zechriah Satell

for Suruaiers of the high ways for the year 1703 John lagely Joseph farwell Joseph Perham Eleazer green

for fences ueiwers thomas Williams and John hoar

JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*.

At a town meting legielly warned April 21th : the town did uot that : Insign farnworth should be the Commisinor. to tak the Inuoyce : with the select men.

at the same meting the town : did chuse Eliazer parker to discorce

John Applin of Watertown: to see If he will come: up to groton and keep scole to tech children and youth to reed and right and to know his terms and bring his term to the Select men: who are Impowered by the town: to agree with sd man: for one year 1703

JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

May 17 1703 at a town metting legelly warned the town did by uot declare that thay would pay deacon larrance the mony that the deacon demande for saruing the: town as ane represintiue In the year 1693

the town did uote and declare that thay would borrow the mony of thomas Williams for four month and pay for the use of it one shilling JAMES BLANCHARD *Clark*

for seating of the meting house capt parker capt Prescott Insign farnworth leuten laken Samuell Woods Sener

The following items appear on a loose leaf, and refer to two children of John and Hannah (Aldis) Farnsworth.

John farns desessed 19 Saptam 1703
Rachall farnswor born 8 desembur 1704

Groton December 20: 1703 At a town meting legelly warned the town did uote and declare that thay giue Mr hubart for the first half of the year 1703 thirty too pound one quarter part mony the time begining the tenth of december tell the tenth of June next insewing JAMES BLANCHARD *Clarke*

thomas williams decents from the aboue writen uote nathaniell woods obadiah Satell decent from this uote

Eliazer parker decents from ye uote

groton Janeuary 25 at a town meting legenly the town did uote: that thay would rais a town rate for the paying of capt prescott and other town charge the sume to be raised: IS [*Left unfinished.*]

This fragment is in the handwriting of James Blanchard, who died a very few days after it was written.

Thomas Tarbell, the thirteenth town clerk, was the son of Thomas and Hannah Tarbell, and was born at Groton, July 6, 1667. He held the office during the years 1704 and 1705.

His handwriting was fair, but his spelling execrable. He was the father of the three children carried into captivity by the Indians, June 20, 1707. His death took place January 24, 1717.

grotton march 8 1704 at a legul town meteng the town did yot that thay wull·met for the futer to chus town ofesurs the fust tusday of march anuelly THOMAS TARBELL *Clerk*

groton march y 8 1704 Thomas tarbell town clark Thomas williams gran gure: Joseph gelcun cunstable Ephrem pers cunstable selectmen Samuell parker Joseph laken Thomas tarbell tithen men John Shaduck Joseph Larrance Samuell Screptur se Nathanell woods Sauayars hy ways Jonathan laken & John daues Jonathan farnsworth thomas chamburlen sworn fans yuers Jonathan boyden william laken Samuell Screptur iu Ephrem felbreck sworn

grotton march 8 1704 the town ded declar by yot that thay do imploy capt prascot to go down to the genaral cort to Indeuer to g[et] an an abatmant of our cuntary rats

THOMAS TARBELL *town clerke*

Nouember 21 1704 at a town metting legaly warned the town did chused leftan lawra and John Ston to go to mr clark and mr estarbrucks for furthar aduic concarn mr hobart and to prosed from that acording to thar disscracun for the good of the town

THOMAS TARBELL *clerke*

at a town meting legully woorned the town did chus Joseph laken and thomas tarbell to luck ouer mr hoburds rats and to racun with thos that ar behind to clear the old arrars 21 nouember 1704

THOMAS TARBELL *clerk*

at a town metting legally warned the town ded chus left lawranc & thomas tarbell to go to the genarall cort to cary in a petecun for to Indeuer for to get an abatmant of our tax and so what may be dun concarning our minestur this is to be dun by the charg of the town this 19 of desember 1704

atast THOMAS TARBELL *Clerke*

at a town metting legally warned 22 ganawari 1704 5 the town deed then uot that thay woold geue mr hobart for the time past 20 pounds on quartar part mony THOMAS TARBELL *Clerk*

at a town metting legally warned the town deed chus leftten lawranc & thomas tarbell to agree with summ menistur to cum & prech with us if any can be found 22 Janauary 1704 5

THOMAS TARBELL *Clark*

A at a town meting legally wared march 9 1705 simun ston is chose to sarue for the Insuing yer for the graniuri

THOMAS TARBELL *clark*

the nams of town oficurs for the yere 1705 thomas tarbell clark Nathanil woods & elezer green sworn as cunstables for the yere 1705 cap prascot John ston & thomas tarbell as select men for the yere 1705 sworn sworn samuell shad & danill cady Jonathan boyd baniemen farnswor as suruayers of hyway for this yere 1705 Samuell Parkar & Samuell Woods as fans yuars for this yere as fens yaars 1705 sworn Obadiah sawtel & John shattuck tithenmen John huchins & John Sheply as hog cunstables for thes yere 1705

THOMAS TARBELL *clark*

At a town metting legalli warned the town did declar by uot that thay wold haue thomas tarbell go to the gouernur & colinol ting for to petescun relef for chamburlens mell by on or 2 men And the said thomas chamburlen bars the charg thar of

THOMAS TARBELL *clark*

At a town meting legalli warned the town did declar by uot & lat all the commun madow In our town to William Whetne for sexs shellings moni the Insuing yere 9 of march 1705

a THOMAS TARBELL *Clark*

at a town meting legali warned t 9 of march 1705 the town did grant to thomas chamburlen 2 accurs of land on the sutherdly sid of the pond by his hous mor or las in two parts & the said [Ch]amburlen to alow a hy way of 3 [po]ll wid from the hy way to his own mel In the most conueniant plas and to mak and maintain a breg at his own cos ouer the buck . . . mel pond

[THOMAS] TARBEL *Clark*

Groton May ye 8 1705 then capt prascot was chosen to sarue as a rapresentetife for the yer Insuing THOMAS TARBELL *Clarck*

the 8 of May 1705 the town did chus a comete to take an acompt of the town charges that is du to pur teckeurlur men & for the select men to Rais a rat upon pols & estals acording to the cuntary euoys (the comety is) sarg nathanell lawranc Samuell Parker & Joseph gilson THOMAS TARBELL *Clarck*

At a town metting legally warned this 18 of June 1705 the town did declar by uoite that thay do desiar mr Odle to continu with us for sum longer time as we can agre with him for

THOMAS TARBELL *Clerck*

Att a town meting legulli warned this 18 of Jun 1705: the town did chus left lawranc John Ston & Thomas tarbell to disscors with Mr Odle: & to agre with him for sum farthar time:

THOMAS TARBALL *Clerke*

groton iun the 25 1705 the selectmen this day haue apoyntted the hy way from beuer brooke madows along the rod now improued to the fordway at spactecull brook throu elezer lawrances land whar the way now gos & is staked out coming out behind the sd lawrances hous & so contennuing to the towns common in the most conueniant plasce for the banifit of the in habitants | of fore pol wid & if the aboue sd elezer lawranc deziers to haue this way oltured he finding a conueniant way aboue his feld or by his hous to the sattesfacteun of the select men it shall be alowed

Jonas Prescot
John ston select men Atast THOMAS TARBEL *clerk*

groton Jun the 25 1705 the select men haue this day apoynted A hy way going out out of the hyway by that gos from goodman Pages hous by brood madow begening at Danel cades cornur throu John Longlys land 3 pol wid to to the madow & throu the madow two poll wid cuming into the hy way that eums throu obadiah satals land John Longly geues this land & madow thes way is to be capt with gats or bars THOMAS TARBELL *Clerke*

The following entry appears to be the rough draft of the one that comes immediately after it.

the town did uoat this day that thay would giue to Mr Jon Odly in ordr to satlment to be the towns minister & the churches ofissur the sam of 60 pound for his sallarey this yere & one 100 p to prouid him salf a place to satl on

At a town meting legally warned the town did declar by uote this thurd day of July 1705 that they would giue to Mr John odly in ordur to satlment to be the towns minister & the churches ofissur the sum of 60 pounds for his sallarey this yeere & on 100 pounds to prouid him salf a plase to satel on THOMAS TARBELL *Clerke*

Joseph Lakin, the fourteenth town clerk, was the son of Ensign John and Mary Lakin, and was born at Groton, April 14, 1670. He held the office during 1706 and 1707, when this volume ends, and many subsequent years. His handwriting was intolerably bad, and his spelling as incorrect as that of his predecessor. He died April 1, 1747.

Groton march the 5 . 170⅝ at a towne meting legally warned to chuse town officers as followeth to wit Joseph lakin Towne Clark Jonathan Page constabel and Jonas Prascot iuner constabel for the year insuing for selact men Joseph lakin Samuell parkar nathaniel Woods Simin Ston Robart Robin and for saruayars thomas chambrlin Samuell Shattuck hazackiah whitcom Samuell Barrand | fanc uewers thomas woods John Sheple | and John longly town seallar of waits and masurs and Joseph lawrance thomas tarbel tithingmen

JOSEPH LAKIN *Town Clark*

Groton march the 5 . 1705–6 At a towne meting leagaly worned to chuse offisors for the year insuing thay did by uote chuse John huchin garan iuery man and for a commity to lay out land Joseph lakin Samuell parkar Robert Robin of this town

At a town meting leagly warned in Aprell the 9 1706 this town did by uot ass you may see on the othar side of this Leafe and all so did uot that they would giue mr Bradstret one hondred pounds mor as money to satell him selfe in this towne our minister during life JOSEPH LAKIN *Town Clark* for Groton

The following entry contains the paragraph referred to, as "on the othar side of this Leafe."

Groton At a town meting legally warned this Aprell the 9 1706 the town ded By uot giue Mr bradstret thre scoar pounds thirty pounds in money and thirty pounds ass money in priuison ass foloeth indon corne 2 shilings one bushil and ry 3 shilings one bushil and Wheat 4 shilings and Porke 2 Pance a Pound and Beef ox beefe 3 hapenc a pound and 1 fard[ing] a bound for cowbeefe for Peeas 3 shilin . . . bushil

Groton April this 9 day 1706 at a Town meting legaly worned the towne did by uot chuse the selact men for a comity to lay out

the hi ways betwen insin farnsworth and Eben tarnsworth and so along betwen indin hill medow and Satwels Patchis and so the most conuenint place in to the contery rode four pooll wide and this Rood on the couth sid of half moon madow

JOSEPH LAKIN *clark*

and at the same meting thay did all so chose Insin farnsworth Simon Stone Joseph lakin to discorse mr bradstret ass the town consarnin his satelmant with us this year

JOSEPH LAKIN *clark*

Groton may the 8 1706 At a town Meting legaly woned thay ded by uot declare thay would and doe desire that Thomas Chamberill mill may bee up helde by a solgar or solgars for the good of the town by a patition to the cort or athoratie

JOSEPH LAKIN *town clark*

Groton May the aight day 1706 At a town meting legally worned for to see consarning Mr brodstreets settlement the town ded by uot declare that thay would make a good house of 38 foot long and 18 foot wide and a leantow of a foot wide all the langht of the house and thay will finish it comfortably this house to be of 14 foot beetwen iants JOSEPH LAKIN *Clarck*

and the same meting ded all so by uot declare thay would buld a good letell barne for a mr brodsteret

At the same meting tay haue chose a comitie to under take [*Left unfinished.*]

Groton May the 8. 1706 At a towne meting legaly worned the town chose a commity to uew that hiway by nathanill woodsis house and so alttar and turne that way if thay see acauson the men chosen are

Simon Ston
Samuill Parkar
Robart robin
Joseph lakin
} are the comety chosen to turne that hiway if thay see cause

attast JOSEPH LAKIN *town Clarck*

Groton May the aight 1706 At a town meting legally worned to chuse a repreasantiue the fre hooldars and othar inhabitants qualafied acording to law did by the maior uote couse Simin Stone for this year 1706 a represantetiue JOSEPH LAKIN *town clark*

Groton May the aight 1706 at the same meting the towne did by uot chuse a comity to lat out Mr brodstreets hous and barne and to by a place for the minister to build

the men chose for the same Thomas tarbol Joseph lakin Danil Cady Samuell Parkar Nathanil Wods	a comity for this towne	1706

JOSEPH LAKIN *Clark*

Groton June the 20.1706 at a town meting leagely worned they did by uot make this way that was arst in Jun the 25.175 now maid uoid

Groton June the 20 day 1706 at a town meting leagaly warned the toown did declear by uot that thay would cleare and pay with and to mr Brodstret this halfe year JOSEPH LAKIN *clarck*

Groton June the 20 day 1706 At a town meting legaly worned the towne did declear by uote that thay woud pay the one halfe of the purch of that place which We are about to by of Captin Parker JOSEPH LAKIN *Town Clarcke*

Groton June the 20 day 1706 at a town meting leguly worned thay did declar by uot that Captin Prascot shall haue what is his dew from the town to him JOSEPH LAKIN *Town clarck*

Groton June the 20 1706 at a town meting legaly worned the town did agre with Zachariah Sawtell and Sargant lawrnc for 12 thousand of marchiantabel brick and 3 thousand of samman brick the 12 thousand at 18 shilins par thousand and the 3 thousand at half prise

Groton June ye 20 1706 at a towne meting legaly warned this towne did by uot giu to Jonathan Kamp that contribuchan money which mr Bradstrat hath now in hand JOSEPH LAKIN *clark*

Groton August the 22 day 1706 at a town meting leagaly worned to see what way to raise the ministers Rate then thay did declair by thare uote that thay would haue it fiue shilins upon the head and the rast upon the eastats JOSEPH LAKIN *Town Clarck*

Groton January the 8 day 170$ the highway near Nathanill Woosis hous whear he now dweleth is allowed and turned marked & layd out Betwext Samuill Parkars land and nathanill Woodses land away as the marks direct first on the north a black oke and on the south a white oke marked near said Woodses wall and then four poll wide as the marks direct betwixt said parkar and said wood . . . runing into the highway to brown lof plain . . . commity and select men

attest JOSEPH LAKIN *town clark*

A LIST

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FROM 1662 TO 1707;

WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE.

THE years are given according to the new style of reckoning. The town was attacked by the Indians in the spring of 1676, and abandoned by the inhabitants until March, 1678. Jonathan Morse, William Longley, Jr., and James Blanchard died while holding office, — Longley being killed by the Indians July 27, 1694. Joseph Lakin, the last one named in this list, continued to serve as town clerk during many years after 1707.

RICHARD SAWTELL	1662–1664.
JAMES FISK	1665.
WILLIAM LONGLEY	1666, 1667.
JOHN PAGE	1668.
RICHARD BLOOD	1669.
JOHN MORSE	1670–1676.
JAMES PARKER	1678, 1679.
JOHN MORSE	1680, 1681.
JONATHAN MORSE	1682–1686.
JOSIAH PARKER	1686–1691.
JONAS PRESCOTT	1692.
WILLIAM LONGLEY, JR.	1693, 1694.
JAMES BLANCHARD	1695.
JONAS PRESCOTT	1696.
JAMES BLANCHARD	1697–1704.
THOMAS TARBELL	1704, 1705.
JOSEPH LAKIN	1706, 1707.

EARLY LAND-GRANTS

OF

GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

THE Colonial governments of Massachusetts and Plymouth, as well as the Provincial government of Massachusetts, granted from time to time to certain persons tracts of land suitable for townships. These persons, called proprietors, frequently had an equal number of shares, but sometimes one proprietor would have more than another, and they called their shares by such names and styles as they pleased. In Groton, these were called "acre-rights;" but sometimes, as in Bridgewater, they were called "purchase-rights," and at other times, as in Nantucket, "cow-commons," or "sheep-commons." These proprietors organized as a corporation, chose a moderator, clerk, and all needful committees, at their meetings, and, pursuant to the vote of the majority, allotted the lands to individuals of the corporation or proprietary, as occasion required, in proportion to their respective shares. In the course of time, the lands of the proprietary were all distributed, as appears by their records, which, for the most part, have been preserved. These records are of two kinds: first, those of the votes of the corporation, and secondly, those of the location of grants to individuals of the corporation, which last records are analogous to the Registry of Deeds. The landed history of the old towns in New England is full of interest, and to these records we must recur to obtain the early portion of such history.

The township of Groton was equal to eight miles square, or sixty-four square miles, — equivalent to 40,960 acres, and the

whole number of "acre-rights" belonging to the original proprietors was 827, owned by 51 persons. According to this calculation, in a general division of the property at the outset, the owner of a single "acre-right" would have been entitled to nearly fifty acres of land, and the larger proprietors to a similar proportion. The division of land, however, was not made all at once, but at several different times, and the amount set off to each one was determined somewhat by its value. Considerable land was sold at the start in order to raise money to build in part a meeting-house, and to defray certain other public expenses; and, even after this was done, many thousand acres still remained unsold. This undivided land was generally called the "town's common" or "town's commons," or the "common land." The proprietors of the town probably never received from their "acre-rights" — or stock, as we should call it — any dividends in money. Their profits came from the division of lands; and the current expenses of the corporation were met by the income from the sales. The first division was made, doubtless, as early as the year 1661, when a Committee, appointed by the General Court, October, 1659, to consider certain difficulties that had arisen in connection with the settlement of the town, made a report recommending: —

"1 That the old planters & theire Assignes whose names are John Tincker Rich: Smith. Wm Martyn. Ri: blood Robt Blood & Jno Lakin that they reteine & keepe as theire propriety, (of such lands as they now clajme an Interest in) each of them only twenty acres of meadow twenty acres for the house lott tenn acres Intervale land & tenn acres of other vplands & that the same be sett out by a comittee so as may not vnequally prejudice such as are or may be theire Neighbors

"2 That the neere lands & meadows, be so deuided as may accomodate at least sixty familjes & for that end That the first diuission of lands be made in manner following viz such as haue one hundred & fifty pounds estate shall be allowed equal wth old planters aboue & that none exceed & y^t none haue lesse than tenn acres for theire house lott & fiue acres of meadow two & a halfe acres of Intervale & two & a halfe of other lands for planting lotts

in theire first divission & that none be admitted to haue graunts of lotts there but on Condition[s] following" . . . — *General Court Records*, IV. 371.

The selection of land by the early settlers was governed largely by circumstances not now clearly understood. A man's lands were widely scattered, and he might want a certain piece because it joined his neighbor's, or for some other simple reason. At times the division was made by lot, which fact furnishes the origin and explanation of the American use of the word *lot*, as applied to a portion of land measured off, or appropriated to any particular purpose. It is recorded in the Groton town records, November 30, 1663, that

"Its agreed that when all men hav their full allowan of medow The residue shall be devided to the p'sent inhabitants by lot according to every mans proportion"

It should be borne in mind that the first settlers of the town did not attach the same signification to the word *meadow* which now belongs to it in New-England, where it means low, swampy land, without regard to the mowing. They called by the name meadow all grass-land that was annually mown for hay, and especially that by the side of a river or a brook, and this meaning of the word was the common one in England, whence they brought their language. They sometimes spoke of a swamp, meaning by it what we call a bog, but much of this kind of land has since been reclaimed, and is known with us as meadow. As a matter of fact it happened that the lands which could be mown for the fodder were low lands, and it would require perhaps less than a generation to transfer the meaning of mowing lands to the low lands, which were about the only ones that could be mown in the early days of the colony. This explanation will make clear the following vote of the town, passed February 18, 1680: —

"At the same meeting it was agreed vpon and voted that M[r] Hubberd should haue all the comon which was capable to mak medow in swan pond medow vp to the vpland for seauen acre and a halfe for to mak vp his fifteen acres of medow"

Many words in common use in early times have changed their meaning, and others have dropped out of the language. Spong, spang, or spung — different forms of the same word, found several times in these grants — is a case in point. In its struggle for existence, it has not survived, because it was not needed. James Roberts's land-grant speaks of "two parcells or spongs;" William Elluee's, of "the northermost spang of Buck medow," and John Page's of "severall spongs or angles." It was a local word in England, used in Suffolk, and meant "an irregular, narrow, projecting part of a field, whether planted or in grass." (Moor's "Suffolk Words," London, 1823.) Another obsolete word found in these grants is "hole," of which the signification is not so clear. The record of Joseph Parker's land speaks of an acre lying "In a hole neare the Angle medow;" and that of Cornelius Church's, of a tract of "land containing two holle or three of swampy medow;" and Timothy Allen's grant mentions three acres at "Skull holl." J. C. Atkinson, in his "Glossary of the Cleveland Dialect," — a dialect spoken in a district of Northumberland, England, gives "Holl; a deep narrow depression in the surface of the land or place, of no great longitudinal extent." The preposition *through* is spelled *thorow* in these records, showing its old pronunciation and its kinship to *thorough*. In the early records of the town, "angle" and "squadron" were used to denote districts, and these words are other instances of the natural changes in the language. At a meeting of the selectmen, held December 27, 1669, it was agreed upon that

> "euery man work proportionabley according to his estat and that the wayes are to be mended in the seuerall anggells of the towne".

and again at a meeting, held January 18, 1671, it was

> "agreed vpon by the select men for the diuiding of their seuerall sqvadrons and for the calling out of their men to work that is within their seuerall sqvadrons as is exprest in their seuerall papers"

Both of these words are found in the records during many years, in connection with the schools, meaning what is now known by districts.

There was a second division of land made at a very early date. In the record of Sergeant James Parker's lands, there is a reference to three acres in Plain Meadow "that was laid out to James Knop in the second division." This tract of meadow is mentioned in Knop's or Knap's grant, which is dated "6th 5m 1666," and, perhaps, refers to the division authorized by the town, October 8, 1665.

At a town meeting held in Groton, December 24, 1662, it was voted that

"all the lands that are or here after shall be granted shall be recorded with these expressions following. viz: To such a one or such a one &c: Ten or: Twenty Acars so & so bounded be it esteemed more or lesse"

On November 30 of the next year, it was voted that

"every man of this Town shall bring a note of all his lands or their lands Bounded & abutted vnto ye Town-Clark being subscribed by two that helpt to lay them out and then the said clark shall record them in the Town Book and giue to each a Transcript of his land acording to the Towns record which shall be vieued by the Select [men] both originall & coppy and if ye originall Town Record & ye Transcript be found to agree then each mans Transcript shall be subscribed by the Town Clark"

In accordance with these votes, the grants of land were recorded in the book, which contained also the public acts of the town. This practice was kept up during a period of twenty years, when it became somewhat inconvenient. About this time it was customary for the town to choose a committee to instruct the selectmen in the management of public affairs, and one of the "instructions" for the year 1682 was that

"the salackt men are to tak spashal care that thare bee a town book & a sofishant man chosen to racord our lands as may stand acording to law"

In compliance with this recommendation, John Morse, who previously had been the town clerk, was chosen as the "so-

fishant man." He was probably the fittest person in town for the position, as he wrote a good hand and was familiar with the duties of the office, having previously recorded in the town book most of the land-grants. He began the work in the autumn of 1683, and in the course of a few months had copied into the new book from the old one all the grants as they stood at that time. After the transcript was completed, the new book was used for the subsequent grants until it was full, when the record was continued in other volumes.

In the year 1664, a controversy sprung up between the town and John Lawrence, about some land. In itself, it was of little moment; but in its consequences it affected the whole town. The question was referred to an arbitrating committee, which decided against Lawrence, who, of course, was dissatisfied with the result. The matter afterward came up at a town meeting, September 21, 1665, and in substance was reconsidered. It was then voted that—

"John lawranc sen^r shall quiatly posese and Inioye a passelle of land in controuersey and allredey within his ffenc and a Joyning to his house lotte contining too acors mor or lesse bounded west and south by the hye way and north and east by his own land & granted to him as a grantiuety"

At the same meeting, it was

"also granted that eury Inhabetant shall haue the like priuledg proposonally"

Some additional action was taken in this matter October 10, 1665, when it was

"voated by the town y^t in considration of a grattiaty formerly granted to eury Inhabetante anserable to John lauranc sen his grante ye 21 of the seaventh mo^th 65 y^t eury man shall haue liberty to take vp 6 accors to a twentey accor house lote, and in case it Joine to his house eury man shall take vp pposonabl ther vnto respectng such as haue eyther the holle or any part therof alredy, but if mor remote eury Inhabetant shall haue libert[y] to take vp too for one"

Other instances of gratuities — or accommodations, as they are sometimes called — are found in the records. A brook

and a highway in the neighborhood of some of them, have taken their names from the word, and to this day are known, under its contracted form, as "'Tuity Brook," and "'Tuity Road."

Sometimes land was given in order to induce settlers to come and abide in the town. At a meeting, held probably in April, 1669, it was

"by vote granted to Robert parish . . . [Park]er and timothy Couper that th[ey shall be] and now ar free Comoners for wood and timber and for there owne Cat[tle] as other men of this towne haue paying to all towne Charges according to there proportion"

A free commoner was one who had a right to use the common or undivided lands, free of charge. At the same meeting

"the towne did solemlie determine to take in no more but a taylear and a smith and Consedering the great Charg that hath bine vpon the present inhabitants the do now by vote declare that by way of grant or gift directlie or indirectlie as a towne and the townes mind herein declared by vote the second of June 1669. onely a smith and no other"

Immediately afterward, ten of the proprietors gave twenty acres of land to Robert Parish, which was not done

"as a towne act but out of everie mans owne petikuler Right provided hee Come and settell amongst vs a townes man and not other wayes"

At a town meeting held June 8, 1680, there were granted

"to Thomas Beall of linn tanner ten acres of land by the town prouided he come and liue among them and he not alienating nor selling it"

The following extracts from the records show — to say nothing of the town clerk's spelling — what was done frequently at the early town meetings.

Under date of December 11, 1682, —

"it was uotyd and a gred upon that tha that was chosin too sell land for the finishin the meetin hous was too sell no mor"

And again it is recorded: —

"at a gennirall Toown meeting 25d 4 m 1683 A gred upon and uotyd that the Toown wooll sell land for too pay thar present deews and the Comity shall sell no land within too mill of the metin hous and the Comity shall sell no land undr twenty ackr & ecksept it be furst brought too the Toown at a ginarull Toown meting and if the Town doo determined too sell such land the Comity may Deed it lagully

"The in habitenc of This Toown have liberty too by land att a uallowabll Prise of the Comity so noe land shall be soald undr Twell penc A nacker"

The law authorized the proprietors of lands lying in common to dispose of or divide them; but it was not until March 25, 1713, that an act was passed, prescribing the mode of calling a meeting of such proprietors for this purpose. Under the provision of this statute, a meeting of the proprietors of Groton was called, March 4, 1717; and, from that time, separate records were kept. Before the passage of the act, there was no distinction between the inhabitants of the town and the proprietors.

At a meeting held September 5, 1721, by adjournment from April 28, a division of the common land was made, allowing two acres to each acre-right, of which one half was to be laid out on the east side of the Nashua River, and the other on the west side. Another division was voted January 17, 1726–27, giving the same proportion of land to the owners; and subsequent divisions followed, on February 9, 1741, November 14, 1748, and a final one on February 4, 1760. After this last division, the proprietors continued to hold meetings at varying intervals until November 28, 1829, when they confirmed the sale of land made March 21, 1828, to Phinehas Nutting. This was the last tract of common land belonging to the original grant, and contained about six acres and a half. It was situ-

ated somewhere between Cady Pond and Brown Loaf, and fetched sixteen dollars.

The association known as the Proprietors of Groton is now dissolved, and the meeting on November 28, 1829, is the last one that ever will be held.

The following land-grants are copied from "The Indian Roll," and comprise some that are not found in the proprietors' records. These grants, with a few trifling exceptions, were made before the town was burned by the Indians; and the entries of them in the record-book are now on loose and detached leaves. Considerable interest and value belong to them, as they indicate the sites of the house-lots where the earliest settlers lived, which, in some cases, can be identified. The families of Allen, Barron, Boyden, Cady, Clary, Crisp, Elluee, Fisk, Garfield, Knop, Martin, Onge, Parish, and Stratton, — names mentioned in these grants, — are no longer represented in this neighborhood by living descendants. Cady Pond, Knop's Pond, and Martin's Pond, however, perpetuate three of the names. It is thought that the surname of Elluee no longer exists in New England. In this word the *u* had the force of a *v*, and the name was pronounced as if written Elvy. Perhaps it has passed into another form. The surname Onge is also believed to have died out in New England. It may have been changed to Young, as it is sometimes spelled Oung in the County records. The names of certain hills, meadows, and ponds, familiar to us as household words, are mentioned, showing that they were given in the earliest days of the town. Among them are the names of Gibbet Hill and Brown Loaf, Broad Meadow and Half-Moon Meadow, Martin's Pond and Baddacook Pond, and others equally well known. Many places, then called by names which are now forgotten, can be recognized from the description of them. Cow Pond, Massapoag Pond, Sandy Pond, and Spectacle Pond, all were named at a very early period in the town's history. Nonacoicus was an Indian name given to a place now included in Ayer. It is a little singular that Squannacook, also an Indian word, is not found in these records; it was in use, however, as early as the year 1683. I am unable to identify Pine Hill, or Barralock

Hill, mentioned in Samuel Woods's grant. Indian Hill, or Hills, as the expression frequently is, was probably the range of hills beginning near James's Brook, a mile south of the village, and running in an easterly direction, on the south side of the "Great Road" to Boston. Horse Hill, spoken of in Mr. Willard's grant, lies mostly in Dunstable, overlooking Massapoag Pond. Cow-pond Brook, Massapoag Brook, James's Brook, Sandy Brook, Hawtree Brook, and Unqueternorset Brook, sometimes called Unquety, are familiar to the present generation. The meadows are more numerous, but not many of them have kept their designations; though perhaps a few are still known by the old names in their immediate neighborhood. Among them are the following: Accident, Angle, Brook, Buck, Burnt, Cow-pond, East, Flaggy, Flax, Ferney, Little Half-Moon, Lodge, Long, Maple, Pine, Plain, Pretty, Providence, Quosoponagon, Reedy, Rock, Round, Sallo (perhaps sallow, a species of willow), Sedge, Sledge, South, Spang, Spot, Spruce, Swamp, and Weavers. Angle Meadow and Plain Meadow were situated in the northerly part of Groton, and Burnt Meadow in the vicinity of Cow Pond. Cold Spring was "on ye Left hand of the high way that goe to Reedy medow,"—which meadow, also in the northern part of the town, still keeps its old name. Flaggy Meadow and Ferney Meadow were near Brown Loaf, and Rock Meadow in the neighborhood of Snake Hill. Quosoponagon Meadow was "on the other sid of the Riuer," perhaps toward Squannacook, and Buck Meadow in the eastern part of the town. Among these entries, no allusion is made to woodland, for the reason, doubtless, that wood was so cheap and common.

The "general field," frequently mentioned in these grants, refers to land owned in severalty by a number of persons, who turned it into one field, for reasons of mutual advantage. The terms "sergeants field" and "Sargeants field medow," also mentioned, I do not fully understand; perhaps they refer to Sergeant Parker's field.

EARLY LAND-GRANTS.

A Record of the severall Propriators of Groton, their Names and Lands, which hath been orderly psented to the Towne Clark. Revised & aproved by the Selectmen, acording to an Order of Towne bearing date Novem. 30, 1663.

THE LANDS OF WALTER SKINER.

1. *His Vplands.* To his house lot with som adition therevnto, twenty & eight acres by estimation, more or lesse, bounded on the north with the vpland of Timothy Allen, and on the west with Timothy Allen, and on all other poynts with the hie-way and town's comon.

2. Three acres & a halfe by estimation, more or lesse, bounded south-west with the hie-way, north-west wth Joseph Parker, north-east with comon land, south-east with Timothy Allen and Walter Skiner.

3. *His Medow.* In fflaggy Medow, six acres by estimation, more or lesse, bounded on the north with ye medow of James Parker, and all other poynts on comon land.

4. In Broade Medow, two acres by estimation, more or lesse, bounded north with the land of John Nutin, east with the lands of James Parker, south with the lands of John Baron & Benjamine Garfield, west with the towne comon.

5. One acre of medow, more or lesse, lying in two parsells, bounded west with the pond, & all other poynts with the town's comon.

6. In Maple Medow, two acres by estimation, bounded south-west with the medow of Samuell Woods, north-west with the medow of Joshua Whitny, and all other poynts on ye towne comon.

Jan. 21, 1663. Revised, aproved, & confirmed (according to order of towne) by the Selectmen.

This Indenture wittnesseth that Water Skinner hath sold, giuen, granted, and exchanged, his six acres [of] meadow, more or lesse, lying in Flaggy Meadow, bounded on the north by the medow of James Parker, and on all points wth ye town's vplands, to and with Samuell Woods, his heirs and executors and administrators, for euer. And also, this Indenture wittnesseth that the sd Samuell Woods hath sold, alienated, giuen, granted, and exchanged, to and with the abouesd Water Skinner, his three acres of meadow, more or lesse, lying in Vncattenorset Meadow, bounded west southwardly with Richard Blood's, and on all other points with the town's vpland and riuer; and with three acres, more or lesse, lying in Mapple Meadow, bounded south west with the meadow of Just. Holdin, and on [all] other points with the town's vplands and Wa[lter] Skinner's owne meadow; for him, the sd Walter Skinner and his heirs, executors, and administrators, for euer. For the true pformance, the pties abouesd haue entere . . . set to their hands, 27th 2mo 1666.

his marke
WATER ⌀ [SKINNER],
his . . .
SAMUELL [WOODS].

[I]n the psence of vs,
WM. LONGLEY,
NATHANIL LAWRANCE.

THE LANDS OF CHRISTOPHER HALLE.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his hous-lot, with that w^e^ adjoyns to it, thirty acres, more or lesse, bounded north w^t^ ye lands of Jonathan Crisp, south w^t^ ye lands of Daniell Metup, east with the hie-way, west with the town's comon.

2. In the Generall Field, three acres & a halfe, more or less, bounded north with the land of Allexander Rouse, southerly with ye lands of James Blnd, westerly w^t^ ye river, esterly w^t^ ye hie way.

2. *His Medow.* And ffirst, in Broade Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded northerly with the medow of Benjamine Garfield, southerly with the medow of Joseph Parker, esterly with the land of James Parker, westerly w^t^ ye town's comon.

2. In Pine Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded southerly with the medow of Benjamine Garfield, northerly wth the medow of John & Nathaniell Lawranc, or one of them, easterly and westerly with the town's comon.

3. In fferny Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded westerly with ye medow of Jacob Onge, esterly with the medow of Daniell Metup, and on all other poynts with the towne comon.

4. In fflaggy Medow, three acres, more or less, bounded esterly w^t^ James Parker, westerly with Jonathan Crisp, northerly with ye medow of James Parker, and southerly with the town's comon.

5. In Reedy Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded west with the medow of John Lakin, esterly with the medow of John Baron, northerly with the town's swamp and vpland, southerly wth the hieway.

6. Two acres of medow, more or lesse, bounded esterly with ye medow of Jacob Onge, & on all other poynts w^t^ the town's comon.

Decem. 2, 1664. Revised, aproved, & confirmed, by the Select-men, acording to order of towne.

One pcell of thirteen and a halfe acres of vpland, bounded with [th]ree lines, 1 on the south, the 2 north east, and the third nor[th we]st. And also, this writing wittnesseth that Christopher [Ha]ll hath laid downe for common land, fiue acres & a quarter . . . in the Generall Feild, it being his owne pportion, and an . . . quarter that the sd Hall bought of Elexander [Rouse] . . . act and deed deliuered into the Towne Clerk hands.

THE LANDS OF CHRISTOPHER HALL.

1. *Medows.* In fferny Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded westerly with the medow of Christopher Hall, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

2. In Spot Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded on all poynts with the town's vpland, and the nearest medow to it is John Clary's, his Cow-pond Medow, which psell of medow is alienated by Joseph Morsse for two acres in fflagy Medow which was somtimes the sd Christopher Hall's, as is speciffied in the record of the sd Joseph Morsse, vnto which alienation the wiues of them both doe giue their consent to the giuing vp their thirds.

THE LANDS OF DANIELL METUP.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his houslot, twenty acres, with an addition, more or lesse, bounded southerly with the land of Benjamine Garfield, northerly with the land of Christopher Halle, esterly with the hie-way, northerly w^t ye town's comon.

This is more or lesse as the rest.

2. In the Generall Field, one acre and three roode, bounded westerly with the riuer, esterly with the hie-way, southerly with the land of James ffisk, northerly with ye comon.

2. *His Medowes.* And ffirst, in Broade Medow, one acre, more or less, bounded southerly with the medow of Benjamine Garfield, northerly with the medow of John Baron, westerly with the town's comon.

2. In Pine Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded north esterly with ye medow of Ralph Reede, southerly with ye medow of Benjamine Garfield, east & west with the town's comon.

3. In fferny Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded westerly with the medow of Christopher Halle, & on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

4. In Spot Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded on all poynts with the town's vpland, and the nearest medow to it is John Clary, his Cow-pond Medow.

5. One acre of medow, more or lesse, bounded north esterly w^t ye land of John Mos, south west with the town's swamp, & on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

December 2, 1664. Revised, aproved, & confirmed by the Select men, acording to order of ye towne.

A further grant vnto these aforsaid lands as a gratuity only, the aforsaid lands lying in the Generall Feild, being laid downe as common land for the town's vse, and then the grant is foure acres and three quarters, bounded on all poynts with common lands.

THE LANDS OF JOSEPH PARKER.

His Vplands. And ffirst, his hous-lot with som additions there vnto, forty & eight acres, more or lesse, bounded north on the land of James Roberts, & on all other poynts w^t ye hie-wayes.

2. Eleven acres, more or lesse, of vpland & swamp, bounded southerly on the land of James Roberts, west northerly on the land of William Longly, & on all other poynts with the town's comon.

3. In the Generall Field, six acres, more or lesse, bounded west-northerly with the land of James Knop, westerly with the lands of John Mos, & on all other poynts w^t ye hie-wayes.

4. ffourteene acres, more or lesse, bounded north on ye land of James Parker, south & west w^t ye land of William Longly, & on all other poynts w^t ye town's comon.

[This last paragraph is erased in the original.]

2. *His Medowes.* And ffirst, in Broade Medow, six acres, more or lesse, bounded southerly with the medow of John Page, north with the medow of Christopher Halle, east with the medow of James Parker, west w^t ye town's vpland.

2. In Browne-Loafe Hill Medow, eight acres, more or lesse, bounded north easterly with ye brooke, & on all other poynts w^t ye town's vpland.

3. At Vnquetenorset Brooke, lyeing on both sides of it, two acres, more or lesse, bounded north westerly with the medow of Joseph Gilson, & on all other poynts w^t ye town's vpland.

4. Lieing on Vnquetenorset Brooke, one acre, more or lesse, bounded south-easterly w^t ye medow of William Longly, & on all other poynts w^t ye town's vpland.

5. Lieing on Vnquetenorset Brooke, four acres, more or less, bounded south-easterly w^t ye lands of William Longly, & northwesterly & on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

6. Two acres of medow in Swamp Medow, more or lesse, lying in two parcels near together, bounded on all poynts with the towne's comon.

7. In Angle Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded westerly with the medow of James Parker, & on all other poynts with the towne's vpland.

8. In a hole neare the Angle Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded on all poynts w^t ye town's vpland; and was given him over & aboue with respect to the badnes of his other medow.

9. In Swamp Medow, four acres, more or less, [bounded] east with ye medow of William Lakin, & [on all other] poynts with the town's vpland.

10. In Prety Medow, four acres, more or lesse, bounded westerly

w^t ye medow of John Lakin, easterly w^t ye medow of James Parker, & on all other p . . .

11. Of vpland, fourteen . . . [*much torn.*]

13. One acre of medow, more or lesse, [bounded] south with the medow of James Parker, west with the medow [of] Benjamine Garfield, [and] on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

December 2, 1664. Revised, aproved, and confirmed by ye Select-men, according to order of towne.

THE LANDS OF JOHN PAGE.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his houslot, twenty acres, more or lesse, bounded east with the hieway, west with the town's comon, north with the land of Joseph Blud, south with the land of Nathaniell Laranc.

2. Twenty acres, more or lesse, bounded east with the land of John Page, west with the town's comon, north with Joseph Blud his land, south w^t ye land of Nathaniell Laranc.

3. Seaven acres, more or lesse, bounded east with the land of Richard Blud, west with the hieway, north with the land of James Parker, south with the land of Nathaniell Laranc.

4. ffifteene acres, more or lesse, bounded west with the river, east with the land of Samuell Davis, & on all other poynts with the town's comon.

5. Generall Field.
1. ffour acres, more or lesse, bounded south west w^t ye land of Nathaniell Laranc, and vpon all other poynts with the river.
2. ffour acres, more or lesse, bounded north east with ye land of Nathaniell Laranc, south west w^t ye land of John Longly, & on all other poynts w^t ye river.

2. *His Medowes.* And ffirst, in Broade Medow, four acres and a halfe, more or lesse, bounded east with ye medow of Timothy Allen & the medow belonging to the minestry, west with the town's comon, north w^t ye medow of . . . Parker, south with the medow of Richard B[lood].

2. In Rock Medow, six acres, more or less, bounded north with the medow of Thomas Boyden, south with the medow of John Barron, east & west with the town's comon.

3. In South Brooke Medow, three acres and a halfe, more or lesse, lying on both sides of the brooke, bounded south with the medow of Richard Holden, & vpon all other poynts with the town's comon & Long-medow way.

4. Lying vpon both sides of Sandy Brooke and vpon both sides of the Major's brooke, eight acres, more or lesse, bounded east with the medow of James Knop & Ellis Baron, south with the medow of William Longly, west with Major Willard's line, & vpon all other poynts with the town's comon.

5. At Vnquetenorset four acres, more or lesse, lying in severall spongs or angles, bounded north w^t ye medow of James Blud, and vpon all other poynts with ye town's comon.

[*In the margin.*] This psell of medow at Vnquetenorset alinated to William Lakin.

Decem. 2, 1664. Revised, aproved, & confirmed by the Select men, acording to order of towne; provided y^t if the towne shall see good to view his acomodation of medowes, & shall finde that his medowes be not equivolent . . . medowes. Then . . . to make it equiv . . . But if his medowes be found much be[low] eyther for quantyty or quallyty, then the overplus is by agrement to be desposed of by the towne, provided allso, that Nathaniell Laranc haue his acre & halfe (w^c is involued with in the eight acres at Sandy Pond & the Major's brook) made as good for its part as any acre & halfe John Page hath or shall haue with in the foresaid eight acres. As John Page hath promised before the Select men. Decem. 2, 1664.

December 27, 1664. It was this daye votted and granted y^t John Peage shall haue al his medow confirmed to him acording as it was layd out by the Survayers, and y^t he shall from this day forth, peacably inioye it without desturbance, not with standing any former ordr to the contrarye.

JAMES FISKE, in the name of the towne.

THE LANDS OF JOHN PAGE.

His Vplands. Twenty acres, more or lesse, lyeing at Sandy Brook, bounded with Major Willard's corner tree, south with his owne medow, and on all other poynts with the town's comons, only their is a highway of ten polle wid goe in thorow it to mill, and at the brook two poll wid.

2. *For Medow.* One acre and a halfe, that is at Sandy Brook, involued in John Pag's medow, which was to Nathaniell Lorance, and is now layd out to John Page.

2. At Cowpond Medow, layd out to John Page, fiue acres, mor or lesse, bounded northeast with Thomas Tarbull, Senior, south west with Nicolas Cady, south east with the broke, and on all other poynts with ye town's coñon.

3. To John Page one acre and a halfe, mor or less, on the east sid of the broke, bounded south with Jonathan Morsse, and on all other poynts with the town's coñon.

4. One acre and a halfe, mor or lesse, lyeing near Simon Stone's medow in two patches, bounded round with the town's common, each patch by it selfe.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

J[OHN MORSE], *Clark*, Janevary 3, 1669.

THE LANDS OF JOHN PAGE.

Medows. Six acres, mor or lesse, in Broad Medow, bounded south west with Ralph Reed, and south east with Jonathan Sawtell, north east of the medow of John Page and John Morse, and on all other poynts with the town's common, which medow John Pag had of Ellis Barron for sixe acres which was his in Rock Medow.

One acre and a half, more or lesse, bounded north and south with the riuer, west with his own land, and east with the common, which acre and half lye pt vpon the necke.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSE, *Clark*, Febr. 24, 1670.

THE LANDS OF THOMAS TARBOLE, SENIOR.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his hous-lot, twenty acres, more or lesse, bounded north w^t the land of Richard Sawtell, south & south east with the land of Jams Knop, west with Broade Medow, east with the hie way.

2. Ten acres of swamp, more or lesse, bounded north with the swamp of Richard Sawtell, south east with the swamp of Jams Knop & Ellis Baron, south with the hie way, north east w^t ye medow of James ffisk.

3. Thirty acres of vpland, more or lesse, bounded north with the land of Thomas Boydon, Richard Holden, & the town's comon, west with the land of Justinian Holden, south w^t James his brooke, and east with the hie-way.

4. In the Generall Field, seaven acres, more or lesse, bounded west with the lands of John Mos, east w^t ye land of William Lakin, south with comon land, north with the hieway.

His Medow. And ffirst, in Broade Medow, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded north with the medow of William Longly, & on all other poynts with vpland, and vp to the town's hye way.

2. In Littell Halfe-mone, two acres, & more or lesse, bounded east with the Medow of Daniell Pierce, west with the medow of Ellis Baron, & north & south with vpland.

3. In Littell Halfe-moone, two acres, more or lesse, bounded north east with the medow of Richard Holden, & on all other poynts with swamp & the town's vp-land.

4. Lying vpon the South Brooke by ye pond, nine acres, more or lesse, bounded south-west with the medow of Ellis Baron, & on all other poynts with the town's vp-land.

5. In Long-Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded east with the medow of William Longly, west with the medow of James Knop, north & south with the town's upland.

6. In South Medow, three acres and a halfe, more or lesse, bounded north with the medow of Justinian Holden, south w^t ye medow of Joseph Blud, west with the medow of William Longly, & east with the town's vpland.

Decem. 2, 1664. Revised, aproved, & confirmed by the Select-men, according to order [of the] towne, provided y^t if the nine a[cres] . . . South Brook is to be twenty . . . as is reported . . .

Thomas Tarbole doth consent, that if the towne make it vp nine acres of moable medow, they may dispose of the remainder.

December 27, 1664. It was this daye voated and granted, and is herby declared, y^t Thomas Tarbole shall hencforth quiately posese and inioy all his medow acording as it was layd out by the suruayers, not withstanding any former agremente to the contrarey.

JAMES FISKE, in the name of the town.

THE LANDS OF THOMAS TARBALL, SENIOR.

1. *Medow.* Thre acres, more or lesse, lyeing at Cow Pond Brook, bounded south with John Page, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands, which medow he had by way of exchang with John Prestcoat.

2. *Vpland.* Seaventeene acres, mor or lesse, bounded south east sid of Sandy Pond, and on all other poynts with the town's coñons.

These two last psells of land are annulle, and to be accounted noe record.

THE LANDS OF THOMAS TARBALL, SENIOR.

1. *Medow.* Three acres and a halfe, mor or lesse, lyeing at Cowpond Brook, bounded south with John Page, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands; which medow he had by way of exchang with John Prescoat for three acres and a half in South Medow.

2. *Vplands.* Seauenteene acres, more or lesse, lyeing vp on the south east sid of Sandy Pond, bounded northeast with the way that goe to Long Medow, and on all other poynts with the town's coñon.

Neare Sandy Pond, seauenteene acres, mor or lesse, bounded on the north east corner with the high way, and on all other poynts with the towne's common.

Vpland. Nine acres, more or lesse, bounded with the lands of Nathaniell Lawrance westnortherly, and westsoutherly with the land of Nicolas Cady, and on all other poynts with the town's coñons; which nine acres hee haue of Serg. James Parker, by way of exchang for the sixe acres that was Simon Stone's in the Generall Feild, and four pound more which is to be payd in building betwixt this and May day next.

THE LANDS OF JONATHAN CRISP.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his houslot, twenty & eight acres, (with an addityon therevnto,) more or lesse, bounded south with the land of Christopher Halle, north with the town's comon & the

land belonging to the minestry, east with the hie-way, west with the town's comon.

2. In the Generall Field, three acres, more or lesse, bounded east & west with ye hie-wayes, south w^t ye land of James Parker, north w^t ye land of Samuell Davis.

2. *His Medow.* And ffirst, in fflaggy Medow, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded south with ye medow of James Parker, east with the medow of Christopher Halle, & on all other poynts w^t ye town's comon.

2. At Massabogue Brooke, three acres, more or lesse, lying on both sides of the brooke, bounded north with the medow of James Parker, & on all other poynts with the town's comon.

3. In Angle Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded south-easterly with ye medow of Ralph Reede, north with the medow of James ffisk, east & west with the town's comon.

Desember 27, 1664. Compeared and aproued by the Select men, in the nam and with the consente of the towne.

THE LANDS OF SERGEANT JAMES PARKER.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his hous-lot with that which adjoyns to it, fifty acres, more or lesse, bounded southward with the land that belongs to the minestry, esterly and northerly with the Greate Half-moone Medow and with Broade Medow, westerly by John Nutting's vpland, northerly and on all other poynts with the hie-way.

2. fforty & six acres, more or lesse, bounded west with the vpland of William Lakin, south east with the land belonging to ye minestry, north with the land of Joseph Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

3. Sixteene acres, more or lesse, bounded south east with the vpland of James ffisk, south west with the vpland of Jacob Onge, north west with the vpland of Samuell Woods & William Greene & James Parker, & on all other poynts on comon land.

4. Eleven acres, more or lesse, bounded north east with the land of William Greene, south east with the vplands of Jacob Onge, & on all other poynts wth the comon.

5. ffiue acres, more or lesse, bounded southerly with ye vplands of John Nuttin, & on all other poynts w^t ye hie way.

6. Two acres of swamp, more or lesse, bounded north with the land of William Lakin, south west with the land of Thomas Williams, & on all other poynts with the towne comon.

7. In the Generall Field, seaven acres, more or lesse, bounded esterly with the with the [*sic*] land of Jonathan Crisp, west with the lands of James Roberts, & on all other poynts with the hie wayes.

8. Ten acres, more or lesse, bounded with the land of John Lakin, west with the land of Joseph Blud, & on all other poynts with the hie wayes.

9. One acre of swamp, more or lesse, bounded north west with the medow of John Laranc & with the swamp of Joseph Laranc, & on all other poynts with the town's swamp & vpland.

10. ffiue acres of swamp & vpland, more or lesse, bounded east with the lands of James Parker, north-westerly with the medow of John Laranc, south with the vpland of Jacob Onge, east with the swamp of William Greene, & on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

2. *His Medowes.* And ffirst, in the Greate Halfe-moone Medow, medow & swamp fifteene acres, more or lesse, bounded north east with the medow belonging to ye minestry, & with the medow of William Lakin, north with the medow of Joseph Gilson, Timothy Allen, & the minestry, south easterly vpon the medow of John Larance & the town's vpland, & on all other poynts vpon the vpland of James Parker.

2. In Broade Medow, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded northerly with the medow of John Nuttin, westerly with the medow of Benjamine Garfield, Christopher Halle, Joseph Parker, John Page, & James Parker, on the west and south with the medow belonging to the minestry, east with the vpland of James Parker.

3. One acre & a halfe in Broade Medow, bounded on the north with ye medow of Joseph Parker, on the south with the medow of John Page, on the east w^t^ ye medow of James Parker, & on the west with the town's vpland. This also is an acre by estimation, more or lesse, & a halfe should haue been said as in the premises.

4. Six acres, more or lesse, lying in Massaboge Medow, bounded on the north west with the medow of Jonathan Crisp, southerly by the river, & on all other poynts w^t^ ye town's vpland.

[5.] In fflaggy Medow, three acres, more or lesse, bounded

southerly with ye medow of Walter Skinner, northerly with the medow of Jonathan Crisp, & on all other poynts w^t^ ye town's vpland.

6. In Angle Medow, ffiue acres, more or lesse, bounded esterly with the medow of Joseph Parker, south westerly with the medow of John Straton, & on all other poynts with the town's vp-land.

7. In the Greate fflaggy Medow, fower acres, more or lesse, bounded westerly with the medow of Christopher Halle, north west with the medow of James Parker, & all other poynts with the town's vpland.

8. In Spang Medow, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded on the east with the medow of Thomas Tarbole, Senio^r^, north east with the land of Timothy Allen and with Vnqete-norset Brook, on the east & north west & on all other poynts with the town's vp-land.

9. In the Burnt Medowes, lying in three parcells, in the one parcell, seauen acres, more or lesse, bounded north w^t^ ye medow of Richard Sawtell, & on all other poynts with ye town's vpland. The second parcell is fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded on the west with ye medow of Richard Sawtell, & on all other . . .

10. Twelue acres of vpland, more or lesse, bounded on the south west with the lands of John Laranc, Senio^r^, & on all other poynts with the town's comon. This lieth on the north-east end of Gibbet Hill.

11. In Greate fflaggy Medow, three acres, more or lesse, bounded southerly with the medow of Christopher Halle, south-east w^t^ ye medow of James Parker, & on all other poynts w^t^ ye town's vpland.

12. In Angle Medow, four acres, more or lesse, bounded with ye medow of Jonathan Crisp southerly, and on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

13. In Maple Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded southerly with the medow of Justinian Holdin, northerly w^t^ the medow of Walter Skinner, & on all other poynts w^t^ the town's vpland.

14. At Vnquetenorset Brooke, lying on both sides of it, two acres, more or lesse, bounded with the medow of Joshua Whitney south easterly, & on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

15. In Prety Medow, four acres, more or lesse, bounded west & north with the medow of Joseph Parker, & on all other poynts with ye town's vpland.

16. In Spang Medow, four acres, more or lesse, bounded east ye medow of John Nuttin, north with the medow of Ellis Baron, west with the medow of James Parker, & on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

Reuised, aproued, & confirmed by ye Select men, acording to order of towne.

[In the handwriting of Richard Sawtell, Town Clerk, 1662–1664. The last four sections have been crossed out, by drawing lines through them.]

THE LANDS OF JAMES PARKER.

1. *ffirst, his Vpland.* Eighteene acres, more or lesse, lying on the north side of Browne Loafe Hill, bounded on all points with the town's commons. Two and twenty acres, more or [*sic*] lying at Baddicock, bounded partly by the lands of Samuell Woods, westwardly & on all other points with the town's common. Seauenteen acres, more or lesse, lying on the east side of the pond called Goodman Martin's Pond, bounded on all other points with the town's common.

2. Nine acres, more or less, bounded with the lands of Nathaniell Lawrenc west northerly, west southwardly with the lands of John Clary, & on all other points with the town's commons.

1. *His Meadow.* ffirst, two acres, more or lesse, in Plaine Medow, bounded northwest by the meadow of William Martin, south east with the meadow of John Stratton, & on all other points with the town's vplands.

Three acres, more or lesse, of meadow & vpland, lying on the south side of John Lawrence, his house lot, bounded by the swampe and vpland of Nathaniell Lawrence, westerly [so]uthwardly by the swamp and vpland of James Parker, [eas]terly by the swamp of Saiñ Woods, & on all other [points] with the town's common.

[Rev]ised, alowed, & confirmed by the Select [men] according to the order of the towne.

6th 5^m, 1666.

THE LANDS OF SERGENT JAMES PARKER.

1. *Of Vpland.* Fifteene acres, mor or lesse, lyeing in two psells, one psell bounded north and east with Nathaniell Lawrance, and on all other poynts on the town's common, the other psell bounded south

with the lands of Nathaniell Lawrance, and on all other poynts with the land of James Parker and the town's common.

1. *In Medow.* In Prouidence Medow, three acres, mor or lesse, bounded north with the land and medow of Nathaniell Lawrance, south with the land of Samvell Woods, east by the town's common, west with James Parker.

2ly Two acres, more or lesse, bounded west with Samvell Woods, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

3ly Three acres, mor or lesse, lyeing on both sids of Brown Loafe Brooke, bounded north with Mr. Samvell Willard, west with Pelleg Lawrance, and on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSE, *Clark*, Novem. 25, 16[70].

THE LANDS OF SERG. JAMES PARK[ER].

1. All the comon land that lye on the west and north west sid of Gibbet Hill, be it more or lesse, bounded southerly with that peice that was the widow Lawrance's, and ptly with the town's land that lye by the side of Nathaniell Lawrance's houslot, and northerly by the high way that leadeth from the bridge into Badacock Woods, west northerly by the high way that goe from the bridge ouer to Serg. William Lakin's, and on all other poynts with the land of the sd Serg. James Parker's.

2. Ten acres, more or lesse, that was the widdow Lawrance's land, bounded southerly with the land of Natha[niel] Lawrance and Robert Parish, easterly with the hye way that run from Parish's land and thorow Nath. Lawrance's vp to Joseph Lawrance's land, and on all other poynts by the land of Sergent Parker.

3ly Twelue acres, more or lesse, lyeing on the northeast sid of Gibbet Hill, bounded southerly with the land of Nathaniell Lawrance, and easterly with the land of Nathaniell Lawrance's, westerly with his owne land, and on all other poynts with the town's hye way, and near the pond.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the sselect men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, Janvary 18, 1671.

THE LANDS OF SERGENT JAMES PARKER.

1. *His Medows.* In Plaine Medow, three acres, more or lesse, that was laid out to James Knop in the second division, east with William Martin, west with the medow of James Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

2. In Round Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded southeast with John Nutten, northerly with William Greene, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

3. Two acres and a halfe, more or lesse, in a medow called fflaxe Medow, bounded on all poynts with the town's vplands.

4. In Little Bucke Medow, halfe an acre, mor or lesse, bounded northeast with the medow of Simon Stone, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

5. In Buck Medow Spang, two acres, more or lesse, bounded west with Joseph Parker, east with Nathaniell Blood, and north and south with the town's vplands.

6. In New Angle Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded south with William Longly, and on all other poynts with the countrey's vplands and medows.

7. In Reedy Medow, one acre, mor or lesse, bounded east with Rich[d] Blood, west with William Elvee, and on all other poynts with the town's swamp and vplands.

8. In Great Halfe-moone Medow, two acres, mor or lesse, layd out to Joseph Gilson in his first division, bounded west by Timothy Allen, northeast with the smithe's medow, south with the medow of James Parker, William Lakin, and the town's vplands, north with the vplands of James Parker.

9. In Great Half-moone Medow, two acres, mor or lesse, layd out to the ministry in his first division, bounded east with the medow of Timothy Allen, and on all other poynts with his own medows and vplands.

10. One acre, more or lesse, at Weauer's Medow, bounded northwest with Joseph Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands; which acre James Parker had of Joseph Morsse for that in Great fflagy Medow.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, accor[ding] to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSE, *Clark*, Janev. . . .

A bargain and exchang of lands between Sergent James Parker and Joseph Morse.

Three acres of medow, more or lesse, in fflagy Medow, bounded west southerly with Christopher Hall and Jonathans Crisp's medowes and the town's vplands, east and north with the medowes of James Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands; the which medow Joseph Morse had of the s^d James Parker by way of exchang and purchase, for which parsell of medow the aforsaid Joseph Morse is to pa . . . like charges hence forward.

Revised, compared, and con[firmed] by the Select men, acording [to] order of the towne.

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670–1676, 1680, 1681.]

THE LANDS OF RALPH REEDE.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his hous lot with som addition, twenty & one acres, more or lesse, bounded south & east with the hie-way, north with ye land of Daniell Pierce, west on the town's comon land.

2. Thirteene acres, more or lesse, bounded west on James his brooke, north with the land of Daniell Pierce, east & south with the town's comon land.

2. *His Medows.* And ffirst, in Broade Medow, three acres, more or lesse, bounded south with the medow of Daniell Pierce, north with the medow of Ellis Baron, east wth ye vpland of Richard Sawtell, west with the town's comon.

2. In Pine Medow, six acres, more or lesse, bounded southwest wth the medow of Daniell Metup, north-east w^t ye medow of James Knop & Ellis Baron, one or both of them, west with the town's comon.

3. In Long Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded east on Comon Medow, west w^t ye medow of Richard Holdin, north & south with ye town's comon.

4. In ye Little Halfe-moone Medow, two acres & a halfe, more or lesse, bounded north with the medow of Ellis Baron, east w^t Richard Holdin, south & west with comon land.

5. In the Cow-pond Medow, one acre & a halfe, more or lesse, bounded with the medow of James Knop, & the town's vpland.

6. In Angle Medow, three acres, more or lesse, bounded north easterly with ye medow of John Stratton, west southerly with the medow of Jonathan Crisp, & all other poynts with the town's vpland.

More Vplands. Ten acres, more or lesse, bounded east northerly with the lands of Samuell Davis, northwesterly with John Page his land, & on all other poynts wth ye town's comon.

2. Seaven acres, more or lesse, bounded northerly with the land of John Mos, easterly with the lands of Daniell Pierce, Richard Holdin, & Ralph Reede, and vpon all other poynts with the town's comon.

3. In the Generall Field, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded east with the lands of Thomas Tarbole, Junio^r, west with the land of Jacob Onge, south with James his brooke, north with ye hie-way.

[In the handwriting of Richard Sawtell, Town Clerk, 1662–1664]

THE LANDS OF JAMES ROBERTS.

And first, his Medowes. And first, in Spring Medow, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded on all poynts with the town's vpland.

2. In Sedg Medow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded on all poynts w^t ye town's vpland.

3. In Sallo Medow, one acre & a halfe, more or lesse, lying in two parcells or spongs near, bounded on all poynts w^t ye town's vpland.

4. In Sargeant's Field Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded easterly w^t ye medow of Allexander Rouse, & on all other poynts w^t ye town's vpland.

2. *Secondly, his Vpland.* And first, his house-lot w^t som adition there vnto, twenty & four acres, more or lesse, bounded north & south w^t ye land of Joseph Parker, & on all other poynts with the town's comon.

In the Generall Field, two acres & a halfe, more or lesse, bounded westerly with the land of James Parker, easterly w^t the land of Jonathan Crisp, & on all other poynts with the hiewayes.

[In the handwriting of Richard Sawtell, Town Clerk, 1662–1664]

THE LANDS OF JAMES FISK.

1. *His Vplands.* And ffirst, his house lot, with som addition there vnto, thirty and two acres & halfe, more or lesse, bounded north esterly with the land of Samuell Woods, esterly with the land of Joseph Laranc, & on all other poynts with the town's comon and the hie-way.

2. Seaven acres & a halfe, more or lesse, bounded south westerly with the land of Richard Sawtell, south est with the land of James ffisk, & vpon all other poynts with ye land of Richard Sawtell and the hie-waies.

3. Nineteene acres, more or lesse, bounded north with the land of James Parker, south west with the land of Joshua Whitny & Jacob Onge, & on all other poynts with the town's comon.

4. In the Generall Field, seaven acres, more or lesse, bounded south with land of John Lawranc, north with the land of Daniell Metup, west with the river, east with the hie way.

2. *His Medowes.* And ffirst, his Home Medow, eight acres, more or lesse, bounded south esterly with the vpland of John Clary & the hie way, south west with the land of Ellis Baron, Thomas Tarbole, Senio^r, and Richard Sawtell, & againe south east and south west vpon the land of Richard Sawtell, & vpon all other poynts with the vpland of James ffisk and the hie way.

2. In Cow-pond Medow, seaven acres, more or lesse, bounded south west with the medow of John Lawranc, Senio^r, north east with the medow of John Clary, & vpon all other poynts with the river & town's vpland.

3. In East Medow, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded with John Clary his medow, & on the town's vpland.

4. ffower acres, more or lesse, bounded south-westerly with the medow of Jonathan Crisp, north with the medow of Joseph Parker, & on all other poynts with the town's vpland. This medow is alienated for the 2 acres specified in the new book at Burnt Medow.

5. One acre of swamp, more or lesse, bounded south easterly with the vpland of Joh . . . south westerly with the swamp of Ellis Baron, north westerly with the medow of James ffisk, north esterly with the hieway.

The lands of James ffisk. Some of these pcells being altered & some aditions before confirmed and transcribed into another page, by which these aboue are not to be accorded as any record:

ffurst, his house lot with the addition there vnto, two acres and a halfe, more or lesse, bounded north [west]erly with the land of Sam̃ Woods, easterly with [*sic*] of Nathaniell Lawrance & on the lands of John Clary, south eastwardly and on the south west with the countrey hy way.

[2.] Eleauen acres and a halfe, more or lesse, bounded south westward with with [*sic*] the lands of Richard Sawtill, and south west with his owne meadow and vpon all other points with the lands of Richard Sawtill and the hy way waies.

3. Thirty eight acres, more or lesse, bounded south west with the lands of Joshua Whittney & Jacob Onge, north with the hy way, & on all other points with the town's comon.

1. *His Meadows.* ffirst, his Home Meadow, eight acres, more or lesse, bounded south easterly with the vpland of John Clary, south the hie way, south west with the lands of Ellis Barron, Thomas Tarbell, Senior, & Richard Sawtill, & againe south west with the lands of Richard Sawtill, north with his owne vpland and the country hie way lying northeast.

2. In the Cow Pond Meadow, seauen acres, bounded southwardly with the meadow of John Lawrence, Senior, northeast with the meadow of John Clary, & on all other points with the brook and town's commons.

3. In the East Meadow, fiue acres, more or less, bounded with the meadow of John Clary and on the vplands.

[4.] In Burnt Meadow, two acres, more or lesse, one of which bounded eastwardly with the meadow of Richard Sawtill, & on all other points with the town's lands; the other acre bounded southwest with the meadow of Thomas Tarball, Junior, & on all other points with the town's vpland.

5. One acre of swamp land, more or lesse, bounded eastwardly with the land of John Clary, southwestwardly with the lands of Ellis Barron, north easterly with the hie way, & adioyning to his owne meadow northerly.

Reuised and alowed and confirmed by the Selectmen, according to the order of the towne, 6th 5mo, 1666.

THE MEDOW OF JAMES FISKE.

Fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded easterdly with the brok, by Nicolas Cady, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands; and on the west side of the brok, a litle psell of medow lyeing by it self vndeuided, of about an acre half of it. James ffiske's this . . . with the consent of . . .

[One line torn and illegible.]

THE LANDS OF JAMES FISK.

1. At Jebite Hill, sixe acres of vpland and swamp, more or lesse, bounded west and south with the town's hye-way, east with the lands of Jacob Ong, and north with the lands of William Longley, Senior.

2. Towards the mill, fifteen acres, more or lesse, bounded north west with the land of Daniell Pearsse, south east with the lands of Ellis Barron, westerly by the hye way, and easterly with the town's comon.

3. Vpon Brownloafe Playne, foure acres, more or lesse, bounded easterly with the hye way that goe vnder Brownloaf Hill, southeasterly with the lands of Capt. Parker and the hye way that goe from Thomas Boydon, and west with his owne lands.

4. A skirt of land of one acre, more or lesse, lyeing on the south west side of his own Cowpond Medow, and bounded on the east with his own medow, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

5. Thirty one acres, more or lesse, lyeing of the south side of Way Pond, neare to Simon Stone's medow, bounded south east p'ly with the lands of Simon Stone and ptly with the lands of John Page, northwest taking in a corner of medow lyeing by Richard Sawtell's patches, and on all other poynts by the town's comon.

6. One acre, more or less, lyeing on the east side of the swamp of Thomas Tarball, Seni., bounded southeasterly with Ellis Barron, north westerly with Richard Sawtell, south with the swamp of Thomas Tarball, the line running from the bound tree that stand by the line of Ellis Barron that stand close by the swamp, to the corner tree that stand by the line of Richard Sawtell next the swamp, also east with his owne medow; which acer of land he had of the sd

Thomas Tarball by way of exchange for three acres of land in the last diuision. Which acre of land, I, the sd Thomas Tarball, do alienate and bequeath to the aboue sd James Fisk, Seni., to his heires and assigns foreuer. In witness wheirof I haue set to my hand.

[These last two sections have been crossed out.]

THE LANDS OF JAMES KNAPP.

1. *Upland.* ffirst, to his house adioning, 10 acres, more or lesse, bounded east with ye hy way, west with the end of Broad Meadow, south with Ellis Barron, and north with Thomas Tarball, Senior.

[2.] Thirty acres and one, more or less, bounded [with] the hyway, south with Ellis, north east with John Clary & Ellis Barron, & againe noth westerly with Ellis & Thomas Tarball, Senr.

3. ffiue acres, more or lesse, bounded with John Mosse west, north, & north west with towne land, north east & east with the hy way, south with Ellis Barron.

4. ffiue acres, more or lesse, in the Generall Feild, being the thirteenth lot, bounded north with the high way, east with Joseph Parker, south with John Mosse, west with Richard Blood.

Meadow. ffirst, in Litle Halfe Moone, two acres & a halfe, more or lesse, bounded north with the a hy way, east with Richard Sawtill, south with the swampe & pond, west with Daniell Pearse.

[2.] Three acres & a halfe, more or lesse, lying in Pine Meadow, bounded west with Samuell Dauis, & on all other points with the town's vplands.

3. ffour acres, more or lesse, in Brooke Meadow, bounded on both sides the brooke to Sandy Pond, & on all other pointes with the towne vpland and swampe.

4. In Long Meadow, two acres, more or lesse, bounded east with Thomas Tarball, Senior, & on all other points with the town's vpland.

5. Three acres, more or lesse, lying in Cow Pond Meadow, bounded south with the pond, and on all other points with common land.

6. Three acres, more or lesse, lying in Plaine Meadow, bounded east with William Martin, west with James Parker, north & south with the vplands.

Alow a priuate way to Ellis Barron, or his [heirs] euer, to driue cart or cattell to his swamp [in t]he convenientest place ouer the brooke by [his] house; and Ellis & his heires is to make and main[tain] . . . wne bars or gates to that way for their owne.

Revised, alowed, & confirmed by the Select men, according [to the] order of the towne, 6th 5m, 1666.

THE LANDS OF JAMES KNOP.

Medow. 1. Two acres, mor or lesse, lyeing vpon both sids of Swane Brok, bounded south with Stony Brook Pond, and north with James Parker and comon medow, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands, swamp, and medow.

2. Near to Round Medow, lyeing in the spungs, three acres, mor or lesse, bounded south with William Greene, and on all other poynts with the town's vpland; which three acres I received of James Parker by way of exchang, for which he had of mee in Plaine Medow, and this Plain Medow here exprest is that exprest in page 20.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSE, Clark, Janev. 3, 1669.

THE LANDS OF ELLIS BARRON.

Vplands. ffirst, his house lott ordoying to his house . . . acres, more or lesse, bounded east with the high way, south with lands of Daniell Pearse, west Broad Meadow end & the high way, north with James Knapp.

2. Tenne acres of swamp land, more or lesse, bounded west southwardly with the lands of James Knapp, south eastwardly with the lands of James Knapp, northeast with the lands of John Clary, northwest vpon the meadow of James ffisk, and vpon the swampe of Thomas Tarball, Seni.

3. Twenty acres, more or lesse, bounded west with the hyway

vpon James Brook, south with the lands of Daniell Pearse, and on both sides of the hyway that runs along to John Barrons his house, part east & pt south west with the lands of John Barron, north east with the lands of John Clary, & north with the lands of James Knapp.

4. ffiue acres, more or lesse, bounded with the lands of John Mosse, north with the lands of James Knapp, east with the hyway, & south with the lands of Samuell Dauis.

1. *Meadow.* ffirst, two acres in Litle Halfe Moone, more or lesse, bounded east with the meadow of Thomas Tarball, Senr, south with Daniell Pearse, and on all other points with the vpland.

2. Six acres of meadow, more or lesse, lying in Rock Meadow, bounded north with the meadow of Thomas Boyden, south with the meadow of John Barron, east and west with the vpland.

3. Spruce Meadow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded south with Sandy Brooke, and on all other points with the vpland.

4. One acre, more or less, lying in South Meadow, bounded east with the meadow of Richard Holdin, and on all other points with the vpland.

5. Two acres, more or lesse, lying in Long Meadow, bounded east with the meadow of Richard Holdin, & west with the meadow of William Longley, and north and south with the vplands.

6. One halfe acre, more or lesse, lying in two pcells, bounded eastwardly with the meadow of Thomas Tarball, Senior, westwardly toward the swamp, and on all other points with vplands.

THE LANDS OF [ELLIS BARRON].

1. Three acres, m[ore or less] . . . meadow, bounded south . . . James Parker, east with . . . of John Nutting, west with . . . Brooke, and north with the mea[dow of Timothy] Allen, 10th 8m, 1665.

The towne granted to Ellis Barron three psells of meadow, containing two acres, more or lesse, lying on the south of the Indian Hills, bounded on all points with the town's vpland or common.

Reuised, compared, alowed, confirmed, and that by the Selectmen, according to the order of the towne, 6th 5th, 1666.

[THE LANDS OF] DANIELL PEARSE.

[1.] . . . with the addition of ffifteene [acres, more or le]ss, bounded eastwardly with the hy[eway, north]wardly with the lands of Ellis Barron, west[wardly] with the lands of James Knapp & Ellis Barron, [and] on both sides the hy way that leads to Thomas Boyden & southwardly with the lands of Samuell Dauis.

2. Eleauen acres, more or lesse, bounded westwardly with the hyway, south with the lands of Samuell Dauis, north with the lands of Ellis Barron, and east with the town's common.

3. ffiue acres, more or lesse, bounded west with the lands of Samuell Dauis, east & south with the lands of Samuell Dauis, & north with Ellis Barron.

4. The iland lying within the meadow called Litle Halfe Moone Meadow, bounded east with the pond, and on all other points with the sd meadow.

Meadows. ffirst, foure acres, more or less, lying in Broad Meadow, bounded southward with the lands of William Longley, northward with the meadow of Samuell Dauis, east & west with the vplands.

2. Two acres and a halfe, more or lesse, lying in Halfe Moone Meadow, bounded east with the meadow of James Knapp, west with the meadow of Tho. Tarball, Senr., north with the hyway, south with his owne iland.

3. Three acres and a halfe, more or lesse, lying in South Meadow, bounded south east with Just. Holdin, northwest with the meadow of Matthias ffarnworth, & on all other points with the town's vplands.

4. Two acres, more or lesse, lying vpon Cowpond Brooke, bounded south with Samuell Dauis his meadow, north with the meadow of Thomas Williams, east and west with the vplands.

Reuised, approued, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

WILL LONGLEY, 6th 5m, 1666.

THE LANDS OF SAMUELL WOODS.

His Vplands. ffirst, his hous lott, nine acres, more or lesse, bounded southerly with the lands of James ffisk, northerly with

the lands of Will Greene, & easterly & westerly with the town's and country high wayes.

2ly Eight acres, more or lesse, bounded easterly with the high way, westerly with Broad Meadow, notherly with the lands of Will Greene, southerly east with the town's common.

3ly Thirteene acres & a halfe, more or lesse, bounded with the lands of Will Greene, east with the highway, southwardly with the vpland of James Parker & with the meadow of John Lawrence, notherly with the town's common.

4ly Vpon Barralock Hill, thirteen acres, more or lesse, bounded easterly with the land of Will Greene, southwardly with Litle fflaggy Meadow, & on all other points with the town's common.

His Meadows. ffirst, in Broad Meadow, three acres, more or lesse, bounded north with Will Greene lands, and southerly with the meadow of Richard Holdin, westerly with the meadow of James Blood, Nathaniell Lawrence, & John Morsse, or one of them, easterly with the vpland [and the] woods.

[Here follows a third of a page, much torn.]

[In the handwriting of William Longley, Town Clerk, 1666–1667.]

THE LANDS OF NICOLAS CADY.

1. *His Vplands.* About his house, fifty one acre, more or lesse, lyeing on both sids the countrey high way, the one parsell on the northeast of the highway, bounded north with James ffiske, and east with James Parker, and on all other poynts with the highway; the other part, on the other sid of the high way, bounded west with swamp of James ffiske, and south west with Ellis Barron, James Knop and John Barron, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

1. *His Medows.* Fiue acres, mor or lesse, adjoyning with his lot at hom, westerly and south easterly with Jacob Onge, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

2. Fiue acres at Badacock, mor or lesse, lyeing on both sids the brok, bounded southwest with James ffisk, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

3. At the Cow Pond, fiue acres, mor or less, bounded south west with James ffisk, south east with the Cow Pond Brook, north-

east with John Page, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

4. Two acres, mor or lesse, lyeing on both sids Litle Massapog Brook, south with the litle pond and Richard Holden, northeast with Boston farmes, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

5. One acre, mor or lesse, vpon the town's line joyning with Cowell's farme, east with the towne line, north with Ellis Barron, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, 3 of the 11th month, 1669.

THE MEDOW OF NICOLAS CADY.

Fiue acres, more or less, bounded by the town's vpland on both sides of the brok from the falls to the foord way, and aboue the foord way vpward on the east sid of the brook to the pond, and on the west sid of the broke a litle parsell of madow lying by it self vndevided, about an acre in quantity, half of it to Nicolus Cady's. This record is entred with the consent of both the proprietors, Aprill 26, 1672.

THE LANDS OF WILLIAM ELLUEE.

1. *His Vplands.* Twenty fiue acres, mor or lesse, to his house at home, bounded south with Jonathan Sawtell, west with Richd Holden, east with the highway, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

1. *His Medows.* In Plaine Medow, three acres, mor or lesse, bounded west and northerly with James Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

2. In Reedy Medow, two acres, mor or lesse, lyeing in two psells, bounded on the west sid with the swamp at Reedy Medow, and bounded round with the town swamp and vplands.

3. In old Angle Medow, one acre, mor or lesse, bounded south west with Samvel Kempe, and north east with Samvell Dauis, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

4. One acre, mor or lesse, in the northermost spang of Buck Medow cooue [cove?], west with Nathaniell Blood, east with the town's lin, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the town.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, Janev. 10, 1669.

THE LANDS OF JONATHAN MORSE.

1. *His Vplands.* His house lot, twenty foure acres, more or lesse, bounded north with the lands of Joseph Morse, east with the countrey high way, south with Thomas Tarball, west with the town's vplands.

2. Sixteene acres, more or lesse, bounded east southerly with Christopher Hall, north westerly with Joseph Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's comons.

1. *His Medows.* In Broad Medow, two acres, mor or lesse, bounded northerly with Joseph Morse, Walter Skiner, and John Barron, easterly with James Parker, southerly with Joseph Parker and westerly with the town's vplands.

2. In Pine Medow, foure acres, mor or lesse, bounded north with Joseph Morse, south with Christopher Hall, west and east with the town's common.

3. In Plaine Medow, foure acres, mor or lesse, bounded east with Thomas Williams, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

4. In Pretty Medow, two acres, mor or lesse, bounded southerly with Joseph Parker, and north west with the smithe's medow, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

5. In Cowpond Medow, two acres, mor or lesse, bounded north with John Page, north west with the brook, and on all other poynts with the town's common.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne, Janev. 10, 1669.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clarke.*

Vpland. Twenty sixe acres three quarters, mor or lesse, vpon the Pine Playne, bounded northerly with his owne lands, eastward

with the lands of Christopher Hall, west with the lands of Jerimy Morsse, south with the town's comon.

2. Vpon Indian Hill, three acres and a quarter, more or lesse, bounded west with John Page, north with Thomas Boydon, easterly with the land of Matthias ffarnworth, and southerly with the ends of the other lotes, the countrey hye way runing thorow.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne, Decem. 3, 1673.

JOHN MORSE.

THE LANDS OF ZACHERY SAWTELL.

His Vplands. His houslot, with the additions, fifty acres, more or lesse, bounded south with the lands of Jonathan Crispe, partly west with the lands of Joseph Morsse, and on all other poynts with the towne's hieway and common.

1. *His Medows.* In Rock Medow, foure acres, more or lesse, bounded south with the medow of Nathaniell Lawrance, north with John Barron, east and west the towne's vplands.

2. In Halfe Moon Medow, two acre and a halfe, more or lesse, bounded westerly with the medow of Enosh Lawrance, easterly with the hye way that goe ouer to the iland, southerly by the iland, and northerly by the towne's vplands.

3. Neare the hawtrees, two acres, more or less, bounded round with the swamp and town vplands.

4. In Pretty Medow, two acres and a halfe, more or lesse, bounded east by the medow of Jonathan Morsse, and on all other poynts by the towne's vplands.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Sellect men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, No. 18, 1670.

THE LANDS OF ABRAHAM PARKER, LIVING NOW AT CHELMSFORD.

1. *Vplands*, sold to William Sanderson. Twenty acres, more or lesse, bounded south westerly by the land of Joseph Gilson, north easterly by the land of John Lakin, west northerly by the land of James Blood, and easterly by the towne high way.

2. *Medow.* Seaven acres, more or lesse, in Preety Medow, bounded west northerly by the land of John Lakin, east southerly by the land of Joseph Parker, and on all other poynts by the town's vplands.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSE, *Clark*, Novem. 25, 1670.

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THE LANDS OF JOSEPH LAWRANCE.

His Vplands. First, twenty one acre, mor or lesse, bounded south west with the land of James Parker, and on all other poynts on the town's common.

In Medow. Three acres, mor or lesse, lyeing in Halfe Moone Medow, bounded south by the medow of James Parker, west by the medow of Timothy Allen, east by the smith's medow, north by the vpland.

2ly In Hawtree Brook, fiue acres, more or lesse, lyeing on both sides the brook, bounded south by the medow of James Parker and the high way, east by the medow of John Nutten, north by the town's vpland, and on all other poynts by the brook, and the town's common.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, 26 of Nouem. 1670.

THE LANDS OF JOHN MORSSE.

1. *His Vplands.* Twelue acres, more or lesse, to his ho[use] lot, bounded north with with [*sic*] William Longley, east and south with James Knop and the higeweay, south with Samvell Davis, and west with the countrey high way.

2. Twenty acres, more or lesse, bounded south and west with Samvell Davis, and north with William Longley, and east with the countrey high way.

3. Ten acres, mor or lesse, lyeing at James Brook, bounded southeast with the way that goe to James Brook, north with the high way that goe to the Generall Feild, and Samvell Davis and James Knop, west with Richd Holden, and on all other poynts withe the town's coñon.

1. *His Medows.* In Pine Medow, nine acres, mor or lesse, bounded east with John Barron, and on all other poynts with the town's common.

2. At Massabog, two acres and a half, mor or less, bounded east with Christopher Hall and Jackob Onge, west with Joseph Morsse, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

3. In Broad Medow, one acre and a quarter, bounded northerly with James Blood, east with Samvell Woods and Richard Holden, south with John Page, and on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

Reuissed, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the town's order.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, No. 26, 1670.

THE LANDS OF JUSTINIAN HOLDEN, PURCHASE OF JOHN LONGLEY, LYING IN TWO PEICES.

1. *Vplands.* Ten acres, mor or lesse, lying vp on the west side of the hieway, bounded north with James his brook, and eastward with the hye way, and on all other poynts with the town's coñon.

2. Two acres and a halfe, mor or lesse, lyeing vpon the east sid of the hye way, bounded west with the hye way, and east with Matthias ffarnworth, and on all other poynts with the town's common.

1. *His Medows.* Fiue acres, mor or lesse, lyeing in South Medow, bounded southeast with John Prestcode, northwest with Daniell Pearse, south west with William Longley, north east with the vpland.

Revised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, Febr. 17, 1670.

THE LANDS OF SIMON STONE.

1. *Vplands.* Fifty acres, more or lesse, bounded north east with Ralph Reed, part westerly with Matthias ffarnworth, and on all other poynts with the town's common.

2. Sixe acres, mor or less, bounded northwest with Matthias ffarnworth, and southeast with Rock Medow, and on all other poynts with the town's common.

3. In the Generall Field, sixe acres and a halfe, more or less, bounded west with the riuer, north with the high way, south with James his brook, east with Jonathan Morsse.

[*The following is interlined.*] This aboue six acors and ½ alnated to Captin Parke for other land.

1. *His Medows.* Eight acres, mor or lesse, at Long Pond, bounded south with Long Pond, and on all other poynts with the town's common.

2. Six acres, mor or lesse, lyeing neare Halfe Pinehill, bounded on all poynts with the town's common.

3. Foure acres, mor or lesse, lyeing of both sids the mill brook, bounded east with Joseph Blood, west with Matthias Farnworth, north and south with vpland.

4. Three acres and a halfe, mor or lesse, lyeing in two spungs near to Vnquetenorset Medow, bounded east with William Longley, and on all other poynts with the towne's common.

5. Three acres and a halfe, lyeing in Litle Buck Medow, bounded east with the towne's line, southwest with James Parker, and on all other poynts with the towne's common.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, Febr. 17, 1670.

THE LANDS OF TIMOTHY ALLEN.

1. *Vplands.* First, to his houslot, with an addition, forty acres, more or lesse, bounded south with the lands of Walter Skinner, west with ye land of Timothy Cooper, north with the land of Joseph Gilson, and east with the town's comon, swamp, and hye way.

2. Thirty eight acres, more or lesse, vpon Chestnut Hill, bounded north with the lands of Mr. Samuell Willard, easterly with the hye way neare to Christopher Hall's medow and coñon, south and west with the lands of Serg. James Parker.

1. *Medows.* At Vnquetenorset, ten acres, mor or lesse, bounded north with the medow of Joseph Parker, southeast with the medow of Joseph Gilson, and on all other poynts with the towne's vplands.

2ly Three acres, more or lesse, at Skull Holl, on both sides the riuer, bounded round with the town's vpland.

3ly In Sledge Medow, two acres and a half, mor or lesse, bounded north with the medow of William Martin, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

4ly At Massabog, four acres, mor or lesse, bounded on the east with the medow of William Greene, and on all other poynts with the town's vpland.

5ly Two acres and a halfe, at Halfe Moone Medow, mor or lesse, bounded north with the medow of Joseph Gilson, east with Sergent James Parker, south with the medow that was Mr. Samvell Willard's, north west with the town's vplands.

6ly Two acres and a halfe, more or lesse, in Broad Medow, bounded north with the medow of Mr. Samvell Willard, west with John Pag, south with Richard Blood, east with ye town's vplands.

Reuissed, compared, and confirmed by the Sellect men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, No. 11, 1671.

THE LANDS OF WILLIAM MARTIN.

1. *His Vplands.* First, to his hous lot adjoyning, sixty acres, more or lesse, bounded north by the land of Serg^t. William Lakin, east with the coñon land, and south with coñon land neare the pond, and also westerly turning by his owne medow till it com to the hyeway that goe down to Halfe Moon Medow, and west and pt northerly with the hye way that goe to Ser. William Lakin's from the meeting house.

1. *Medowes.* Eleauen acres, more or lesse, lyeing Halfe Moone Medow, bounded south with the town's land neare the pond,

westerly with the towne's land, and on all other poynts with his own lands.

2ly ffiue acres, more or lesse, in Half Moon Medow, bounded on the east with the medow of Nathaniell Blood, west with Ser. Lakin, north and south with the towne's vplands.

3ly ffour acres, more or lesse, in Plain Medow, bounded west with the medow of Ser. James Parker, east with Joseph Gilson, north and south with the town's vpland.

[*This section is erased, and the following is interlined.*] This record is defaced with the consent of both partyes.

4ly ffiue acres, more or lesse, in Sledg Medow, bounded on a corner towards the west with the medow of Timothy Allen, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

Wheiras his vpland is sayd to be sixty, it is seuventy two.

Revissed, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSS, No. 11, 1671.

1. In Quasoponagone Medow, on the other sid of the riuer, sixe acres, more or lesse, bounded south with Joshua Whitney, and on all other poynts with the towne's swamp and vplands.

2. In Accident Medow, one acre, more or lesse, bounded north with Thomas Tarball, Junior, south with Joshua Whitney, and on all other poynts with the towne's vplands.

3. One acre, lyeing in a spong of medow, caled Lodge Medow, bounded round with the towne's commons, which foure acres in Playne Medow is alienated to Sergent James Parker, for foure acres of this, which was somtime sd Serg. James Parker's, on the other side of the riuer, which foure acres is speciffied in the town book and in his transcript.

Revissed, compared, and conffirmed by the Sellect men, according to the order of the town.

JOHN MORSSE, Febr. 26, 1672.

THE LANDS OF THOMAS TARBALL, JUNr.

1. His houselot, twenty foure acres, more or lesse (the first diuision), bounded south with the town's hye way, north with

the lands of Jonathan Morsse, east with Lanchester hye way. In the second diuision he taking in the hye way betwixt Joseph Blood and himself, he doe alow a hye way for the towne of the same bredth in the most convenient place thorow his owne land.

2. Eleauen acres, more or lesse, bounded west Lanchester hye way, south with the hye way to Broad Medow, east and north with the lands of Joseph Parker.

1. *Medows.* In Burnt Medow, ten acres, mor or lesse, bounded west, north west, and north with the brook and the pond, and with the medowes of Richard Sawtell, east and northerly with the medowes of James ffisk, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

2. In Quosoponagon Medow, on the other side of the riuer, three quarters of an acre, more or lesse, bounded north with James ffisk, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

3. In Accident Medow, halfe an acre, more or lesse, bounded northwest with the medow of Zachary Sawtell, south with Captaine Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Sellect men, according to the order of the towne, Decem. 3, 73.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clarke.*

THE LANDS OF JOSEPH MORSSE.

Medow. In fflaggy Medow, two acres of medow, more or lesse, bounded southwest with the town's common, and southeast and northeast with the medow of the sd Joseph Morsse, and north west with the medow of Christopher Hall, which psell of medow is alienated by Christopher Hall for one acre in fferney Medow, and one acre in Spot Medow, which was somtimes the medow of the sd Joseph Morsse, as is specified in the record of the sd Christopher Hall's, vnto the which alienation the wiues of them both giue their consent to the giuing vp their thirds.

1. Neare the fordway. Vpon the Pine Plaine, twenty seauen acres, more or lesse, bounded southeast by Jerimy Morsse, westerly by Richard Blood and Joseph Parker, northeast with the town's comon.

2. Nine acres, more or lesse, bounded by Joseph Parker westerly, and south west by Jonathan Morsse, northeast a hye way

running thorow it by Jerimy Morsse's of two polle wide, and on all other poynts by the town's comon.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Sellect men, according to the order of the towne, Decem. 9, 73.

JOHN MORSSE.

THE LANDS OF JACOB ONGE, BOTH VPLAND AND MEADOW.

Thirty acres of vpland, more or lesse, envoluing his owne medow next to Nicolas Cady within it, bounded eastsouthwardly with the lands of Joshua Whitney, westerly with the lands of Nicolas Cady and pond, south with the countrey hyeway, and northerly with the hye way that goe to Brownloafe Playne.

Reuissed, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, December 11, 1674.

A small persell of land, measured out to Jacob Ong, of about 24 polle, by a commitee chusen by the town, to wit, Corporall Cady, Ensigne Lawrance, and Joshua Whitney; which land is bounded southerly by Joshua Whitney and Samuell Woods, and on all other poynts by the town's hye way.

THE LANDS OF MATTHIAS FARNSWORTH.

1. *Vplands.* His houselot, ninty acres, more or lesse, lyeing on both sids the mill hye way, bounded on the north with the sidhill by James his brook, westerly partly with Justin Holden and partly with comon land, south east with the mill hye way.

The other part of his land, on the east sid of the mill hyeway, bounded with lands of Simon Stone on the north and east, and on all other poynts with the towne's comon.

2. Sixe acres and a halfe, more or lesse, lyeing on Indian Hill, bounded west with the lands of Jonathan Morsse, and with the lands of John Cooper partly on the east and comon land, the countrey hyeway runing thorow, north with Thomas Boyden, south with the ends of the other lots.

3. Eighteene acres, more or lesse, bounded west with the mill roade, southeasterly with the lands of Daniell Pearsse, and on all other poynts with the towne's comon.

4. Seauenty one acre, more or lesse, lyeing on the other side of the mill road, bounded east with the mill road, west and southerly with the medowes of the mill brook, and on all other poynts with the towne's comon.

1. *His Medowes.* In South Medow, fourteen acres, more or lesse, bounded southeast with the medow of William Longley, Sen., southeast with the medow of Daniell Pearse, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

2. Sixe acres, more or lesse, neare the mille, bounded southeast with the medow of Simon Stone, southwest with Jonas Prescot, buting on the southeast with theire owne vpland, and on the north east with the medow of William Longley, Sen., and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

3. Fiue acres and a halfe, more or lesse, neare the mille, bounded south east with their owne vpland, south west with Jonas Prescot, east with the medow of Richard Blood, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

4. At Half Moone Medow, two acres and a halfe, more or lesse, runing vp to John Barron, butting vp on the pond, bounded southeast with the land of Benjamin Crispe, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Sellect men, according to the order of the towne.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark*, Decem. 13, 1674.

The record of ye landes granted to Mr Gershom Hubard, at a ginrall town meeting, June 29, 1678, viz.: All the common land that lye neare the place wheir the old meeting house stood, Dunstable hye way runing thorow it, and the hye way runing into the captain's land, wheir it may be judged most convenient by them that are to lay it out.

2^ly That peice of swamp and vpland that lye betwene Timothy Allen, Joseph Gilson, the hy way leading to the hawtree, and Leift. Lakin's, and John Parish.

3ly Three hundred acres taken out of the comon land in one or two places, wheir it is most convenient for him.

4ly Fifteene acres of medow, seaven acres giuen by particuler men, the other to be made vp by the rest of the towne according to their proportion.

5ly That he is to haue out of the comon, equall priuiledg of wood, timber, and comonage, with the rest of the inhabitants of the town according as he haue mad.

Morouer he is to haue the house that he now liueth in, with all the fornamed priuiledges, performing the conditions as followeth, viz.: If he accept of ye call and come to settle among us, to be ye towne's minister, & the churche's officer, then ye aboue mentioned pticulars to be his, and his forever.

This condition was consented to be written by ye major part of ye Select men, evidenced by severall witnesses, to be ye voat of ye towne at ye time aboue mentioned.

THE LANDS OF MR. SAMUELL WILLARD, WHICH IS LAYD OUT TO HIM IN THE TOWNE OF GROTTEN.

1. His houslot, fourteene acres, more or lesse, lyeing on both sids the hyeway, leading from the meeting house to the bay, sixe acres of it on the west sid of the hye way, and bounded on the north with the lands of Capt. Parker, on the west ptly with the medow of Mr. Samuell Willard, and ptly with the medow of Jno. Cooper, on the south with a hye way that leadeth down to Broad Medow, and on the east with the hye way leading to ye bay.

2. On the other sid of the same hye way, eight acres, mor or lesse, beeing bounded north and east with the lands of Josiah Parker, south with a hye way that lead downe to Ensigne Lawrance's, west with the hye way goeing to the bay.

3. One hundred and twenty acres lyeing in a place comonly called Vnquetenorset Woods, beeing bounded north westerly with a hyeway that goe to Dunstable, east-northerly with the land of Capt. James Parker, southeasterly with the towne comon and of Zachry Sawtell's medow, south westerly by the lands of Timothy Allen, west northerly with the lands of Capt. James Parker.

4. At the south east end of Brownloaf Hill, seaven acres, more or lesse, bounded west northerly with the lands of Capt. James Parker, and on all other poynts with the town's comon lands.

5. At Indian Hill, sixe acres, more or lesse, bounded on the north with the lands of Nicolas Cady, easterly with the lands of Justin Holden, on the south with a hye way coming by Jno. Barron, goeing toward the bay, westerly by the lands of Joseph Parker, Sen.

6. On the other sid Nashawag Riuer, one hundred and twenty acres, lyeing on both sids a litle brok, runing out of it into Nashawag Riuer between two ford wayes, the one called Jno. Page's, and the other Thomas Tarbull, Junr's ford way, this lyeing about a quarter of a mille from the riuer. The first corner tre is a double black oak at the north east corner sufficiently marked and double marked with a great S. and W., inward to his owne land, bounded round with the town's comon, marked at the corners with S. W., and at seuerall trees with a great W., and sufficiently marked with runing markes.

7. Twelue acres of entervaill, more or lesse, on the other sid of Nashawag Riuer, bounded north with the lands of Capt. James Parker, east with the riuer, south with the lands of William Eluee, west with town's comon.

1. *His Medows.* In Broad Medow, fiue acres, more or lesse, bounded north with the medow of Capt. Parker, on the east by his owne house lot, on the south with the medow of Jno. Cooper, on the west with the medow of Jno. Page.

2. In Brown Loafe Medow, eight acres, more or lesse, beeing bounded south westerly by the brook that run thorow the medow, his medow lyeing all on that sid the brok, bounded on all other poynts by the town's vpland.

3. On the same brok, downe the brok, three acres, mor or lesse, lyeing on both sids the brok, lyeing in two or three persels, bounded easterly by the lands of Nicolas Cady, and on all other poynts by the town's vplands.

4. In Litle Flagy Medow, foure acres, mor or lesse, beeing bounded south with the medow of Capt. Parker and Samuell Dauis, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

5. On the south sid of a hill, called Horse Hill, neare Masabeg Pond, two acres, mor or lesse, bounded round with the town's comon,

with the head of a litle brok that run out of it into Masabog Pond.

6. In Hawtree Medow, four acres, more or lesse, beeing bounded west northerly with the medow of Jn°. Nuting, on the east southerly with the medow of Robert Blood, and on all other poynts with the town's vplands.

In Mapell Medow, two acres, mor or less, bounded westerly with the medow of Joseph Parker, Seni., easterly with the town's vpland.

Reuised, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the town, September 29, 1680.

JOHN MORSSE, *Clark.*

THE LANDS OF JOHN FARNWORTH.

1. *Vplands.* Four acres of Justin Holden, bounded northward with the lands of Mathias ffarnworth, eastward with the Mill Road, and on all other poynts with the town's hyeway and comon.

2. Two acres of swamp, bounded westward with the medow of Matthias ffarnworth, on the south sid of Halfe Moon Swamp, and on all other poynts with the town's comon.

3. Foure acres, more or less, lying in two persells, two acres, a pece of swamp land, lyeing betwixt the pond at John Page's saw-mill and the bridg that goe to Nonicoyacus, bounded round by the town's comon land.

Reuissed, compared, and confirmed by the Select men, according to the order of the town.

JOHN MORSS, *Clark*, Decem. 9th, 1680.

THE LANDS OF CORNELIUS CHURCH.

Vplands. Ten acres, more or lesse, adioyning to Spedtecle Pond, neare the pond of Pelleg Lawrance's, on the east of a ridge parting them, which land containing two holle or three of swampy medow, as is described by the markes, as they are marked by the sides of the ridges, which ridges are comon land, Spedteckle Pond being on the south, and the ridges the bounds on all other sids.

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670-1676, 1680, 1681.]

THE LANDS OF SAMUELL CHURCH.

Vpland that lye bounded by the highway that goe to Jonathan Morsse, and bye the hye way that goe into Pine Woods, and by the buriall place.

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670–1676, 1680, 1681.]

THE LANDS OF JOHN COLLES.

Vpland. Ten acres of vpland, more or lesse, bounded with the lands of Jonathan Crispe and Zachery Sawtell on the east, with the lands of Zachery Sawtell and Joseph Morsse on the north, south with coñon land, and west with the riuer, hauing a priuat hyeway runing thorow it to the ford way.

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670–1676, 1680, 1681.]

A persell of land, of ten acres, mor or less, granted by the town to Nicolos Hutchin.

1. One acre, mor or lesse, lyeing betwixt South Medow and South Brook, bounded round by the town's coñon.

2. Two acres, mor or lesse, lyeing on the northeast sid of the hyeway, lyeing vpon a swamp that runs to South Brook, bounded round by the town's coñon.

3. Sixe acres, mor or lesse, lyeing southeast of Sandy Pond, bounded round with the town's coñon.

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670–1676, 1680, 1681.]

THE LANDS OF PELLEG LAWRANCE.

1. Ten acres, more or lesse, lyeing on the north side of Spedteckle Pond, bounded on all poynts by the towne's coñon.

2. Ten acres, more or lesse, lyeing by the Cowpond Medow, bounded east by the lands of Nathaniell Lawrance, and on all other poynts by the town's coñon.

3. Foure acres and 3 quarters, more or lesse, vpon which his house stoode, formerly layd to Thomas Boyden, bounded southward by the countrey hyeway, westward by the lands of Matthias ffarnwarth, Sen., northard by Ferney Medow, eastward by the hyeway.

4. Sixe acres, more or lesse, vpon the Cowpond place, bounded on all poynts by the town's comon.

5. Thre acres, more or lesse, by the Cowpond Medow, bounded westerly by the lands of Samuell Holden, partly by the lands of Ensign Lawrance, and on all other poynts by the town's comon.

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670-1676, 1680, 1681.]

THE LANDS OF ALEXANDER ROUSSE.

1. *Vpland.* Eight acres, more or lesse, lyeing betweene the path that goe to Sergent Field Medow, and the path that goe to Richard Blood's, bounded round by the towne's comon.

2. A swamp, containing two acres, more or lesse, bounded round by the town's common, lyeing betweene the uper end of the gift, John Lakin's Sledge and Reedy Medow.

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670-1676, 1680, 1681.]

THE following entries, found on a loose leaf, were omitted, by an oversight, in their proper places:—

THE LANDS OF SAM WOOD.

Fefteen acres, lyeing vpon this sid the riuer, bound west with the river, pt northerly with Jams Nuten, and on all other poynts with towns comon.

WILLIAM LAKIN
WILLIM GREEN JAMES KNAP

29 acres, mor or less, in the pin woods, bounded easterly with Capt Parker, northerly with James blod and ptly with the comon, westerly with comon land, southerly with the land of Samuell Ceaver, and other land

WILLIAM LAKIN
JAMES KNAP

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670-1676, 1680, 1681.]

THE LANDS OF JOHN BARRON.

27 acres, mor or lese, bouded north with ye Indian Hill medow.

Six acres lye, bound west with Simon Stone, on the other sid the riuer, 40 acres medow one acre d half, more [*unfinished*].

[In the handwriting of John Morse, Town Clerk, 1670-76, 1680, 1681.]

Dabts Due from the Porsons folowing

	s	d	
James Parker	11	10	00
[Josia]h Parker	15	00	00
. . . . . Laken	05	00	00
. . . . . Willard	05	00	00
. . . . . Prescot	05	00	00
Peleg Lawranc	05	00	00
[Jo]nas Prescot	02	01	00
[Wi]llam Longly	00	11	02
[In]sin Lawranc	01	17	06
[Ste]ven holding	00	06	00
[Joshua Whit]ny	00	03	00

[In the handwriting of Josiah Parker, Town Clerk, 1686-1691.]

APPENDIX.

THE following papers, with one exception, are now printed for the first time from the original documents. They are closely connected with the early history of the town, and furnish some interesting facts in regard to it. The first document is found among the Shattuck Manuscripts in the possession of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, and was originally published in the *Register* of that Society for April, 1879 (XXXIII. 209). All the signatures to the petition are in the same handwriting as the body of the document; but those of the committee signing the Report on the back of the petition are autographs. The report itself is in the handwriting of Joseph Hills.

GROTON'S PETITION.

Bost̃ : 16 : 3m° : 1656

To the Right wo^{rll} the Gou,^{r}no^{r} the wo^{rll} Deput Go,^{r}no^{r} and Magistrates with the Worthy Deputies of this Honord Court

The humble Peticon of Certain the intended Inhabitants of Groten,

Humbly Sheweth

That yor Peticon^{rs} haueing obteined theire Request of a Plantacon from this honored Court, they haue made Entranc therevppon, and do Resolue by the Gracious Assistants of the Lord to proceed in the same (though the greatest Number of Peticon^{rs} for the Grant, haue declyned the work) yet because of the Remoteness of the place, & Considering how heavy and slowe it is like to be Carried an end and with what Charge and difficultie it willbe Attended yor Peticon^{rs} humble Requests are

1 That they be not nominated or included in the Country taxes vntill the full end of three years from these p,'nts: (in which time they Account theire expenc will be great to the building a house, procureing and maintaining of a minester &c. with all other nessessary Town Charges: they being but few at present left to Carry on the whole worke) and at the end of the term, shall be redy by gods help to yeald thei^r Rates, according to thei^r Number & abillitie & what shall be imposed, vppon them

2 That they may haue libertie to make Choyce of an other then Mr Danford for the Laying out their town bounds because of his desire to be excused by reason of his vrgent ocations otherwise, and that they be not strictly tyed to a square forme in theire Line Laying out.

So shall yor Peticon^rs, be incoridged in this great work, and shall as duty bindes pray for yor happiness and thankfully Rest

yor humble Servants

DEAN WINTHROP	RICHARD SMITH
DOLOR DAVIS	ROBERT BLOOD
WILL. MARTIN	JN^o. LAKIN
JN^o. TINKER	AMOSE RICHENSON

The following Answer is on the reverse of the Petition: —

In Ans. to this Peticoñ wee Conceiue it needfull that the town of Groton be freed from Rates for three years from the time of their Grant as is desired.

2^d That they may Imploy any other known Artist in the room of Mr Danforth as need shall be.

3^d That the forme of the Town may A little varie from A due Square According to the discrecoñ of the Comitte.

21. 3^d m^o.(56)

DANIEL GOOKIN
JOSEPH HILLS
JOHN WISWALL

The Deputyes approue of the returne of the Comittee in answer to this petitiō & desire the Consent of o^r hone^rd magists. hereto.

WILLIAM TORREY *Clerke*

Consented to by the magists

EDWARD RAWSON *Secret*

[Endorsed for filing:] Groten's Peticon | Entrd & x^s secured p^d 8 | 1656

The following paper is taken from a book of records kept by the Reverend John Fisk, of Chelmsford, and now in the possession of Mr. David Pulsifer, of Boston. The original manuscript is written with many abbreviations and nondescript characters, which it is impossible to represent in type. The extract now printed gives the proceedings of a Council held at Groton in order to consider certain dissensions which probably grew out of the settlement of Mr. Willard as the minister of the town. The members of the Council were Major Simon Willard, of Lancaster, the Reverend Joseph Rowlandson, of Lancaster, John Webb, sometimes called John Everett, of Chelmsford, and the Reverend John Fisk, of Chelmsford.

11 of 12 63 Whereas o^r Brethren of Groton who remoued hence had desired o^r Advise, in r [respect?] of thos straits they were driven vnto, by reaso^n of ye difference there. So as they could not see how to goe on with them there in ye way they ppounded about Ch work nor to desert ye worke without sin

Counsel to o^r Br at Groto^n on this day (ye 3 brethren being with us, & joyning in a sollemne day of seeking God, ptely upo^n this cause) ptely bec. of ye gñnl sicknes & cold, scarce a family or pso^n y^t had not ben visited, & ptely upo^n other occasions, after we had concluded the day

ye Ch p^rsent (fo^r ye gñnality) consulted together apte [apart] & agreed to this following advise, wch they being called in & declared it to them, viz

1. (after so^m manifestations of o^r sympathy & compas. wth them.) That tho ye Ch would be tender to them as to ye Judging about ye cause of ye Remoue fro^m us yet y^t we would so far remembr them of ye same as to wish them to examine themselves about it, & to looke over the same again betweene God & their owne souls least there should be any thing therein, whereby God might be offended with them

2. y^t considing at such a time as this, a time of Temptation & a time wherein the Advers: would watch for them halting they would be exceeding watchful least in word or in action they should lay any just scandal or offence before any of them there: for if they should, we should not be so able to hold up o^r heads consistently

on their behalues, in case we should never so desire to yeeld them o^r Assistance

3. y^t seing o^r Savio^r pnounces them plessed who are peacemakers & we are exhorted as much as may be to haue peace with all Men, t. [that?] we advise them to endeavo^r to appve themselves men seeking peace & endevo^rg to keep peace with them they had there to doe with, y^t were of a contrary app^rhensio^n so much as possibly they might with ye Truth & a good Conscience

4 y^t seing Conscience is a Tender thing, & to doe ought esp. in & about ye wo^rp of God contrary to o^r psuasio^n, & when not of faith is sin: that t. [then?] They doe take diligent care, not to condescend to ye doeng in ye matter amongst them, in complyance with them of a contrary psuasio^n, to the breaking of the peace of their owne Consciences.

5. y^t In case they cannot comply in ought with them (this or that, or whatever it is,) as concerne the worke of Gods house or wo^rp. of God that then they rather doe sit & waite upo^n God observing & attending such his pvidences as may open to them in the enjoym^t of their desires, with libty of their consciences.

this is the substance of that counsell was dd [delivered?] to them, or som other variety of exp^rns, by word of mouth, as gathered up to be the mind of the Ch. & the same we had discoursed of & agreed to give them for the p^rsent, manifsting o^r willingness to afford them further advise afterward, as occasio^n did reqre.

10 of 3. 64 A Counsel being called to attend at Groton about the differences there

There appeared vpo^n this day at that place

Maj^r Willard
Mr Rowlinson
Mr Web
my selfe

The Busines cõited to it was this: (by the whole Towne: it being declared that these were joyntely chosen by the sa^m)

That whereas by reaso^n of some uncomfortable differences that had ben amongst them as aboute Church Governmen^t they had been hitherto hindred from goeing on with that worke of X [Christ], of coming into a Church way to enjoy all ordinances amongst them they Had now resolved to lay downe & to bury all former differences amongst them, & (had sent to the psons aboue mentioned, to be

as a counsell to them: to wch they) submitted themselues to them to be directed, according to the Rules of Gods word, in these following pticulars.

1. To consider whither there may be found a competent number amongst them, meetely qualified for the laying a foundation of a Church there: & In order therevnto to nolate such amongst them, as may come vpon Tryal to that end.

2. To putt them into that way of Tryal wch is according to the word, as according to wch they might satisfy thems. one in an other, (& consequently in any others afterward as should desire to joyne with them.)

3. To giue them advise from the Rule, for the both carrying on of matters in that p'patory worke, wch concerns the coming orderly into a Church state together, & so the after carrying on Church worke according to God.

The pceedings of the Counsel in order to the accompl^shg these things, at that meeting was thus,

1. Together with the 7. wch had ben by ye consent of the whole towne formerly in nolation amongst thems. & had ben attempting to an agreement about Church worke, but hindred, by their disagremnt. 4, others were added as to stand in Nolation: for Tryall

so as there were now 11. who now come into Nolation viz. ye 6 Brethren amongst them in full fellowship, with mr. Willard & 4 others of ye towne

viz Mr Willard. Jam: Parker. Jam. Fiske. g. Lawrence, G. Salter, G. Martin. Jo^n. Nutting. Wm Lakin. Elis Barnes. Rich. Holden. Mathias Fanmouth.

1. When these were pitched upon. These names were sent to the whole company of the Towne, being p'sent at a Tra^ying. to be ppounded to them, to see if any of these were under any offence amongst them, or any of them.

The Return was in the Neg.

2. These 11. being called before the Counsel, p'sented themselues & being Minded of the greatenes of ye worke, they were now to attend aboute, & som other things as referring to their owne spitual comfort and peace, & the hono^r of X [Christ] & of ye Gosp. were desired to goe apte, & consider amongst themselues if they could agree aboute a way of their satisfying themselues each in other, as to the goeing on together in that worke & in case of agreem^t to

come to vs, & make report of it, & of the way they had agreed upon.

in case otherwise, to let the counsel vnderstand wherein they dissagreed, & the grounds.

3. Vpon there Returne, they declared they had not agreed, nor were like to agree.

upon wch, much agitation passed that Euening & with som advise, they were left to some further consideration of the matter betweene themselues, and to attend ag^n^ together before the Counsel, next morning.

2 Ch. Vpon 11. of 3. 64. In the Morning they came before the counsel ag. & made the same report as before.

After much debate, and advise ag. Giuen vnto them, they being sent out ag. together. Returned to us There agreem^t^ in these following pticulars.

1. That there be a visible pfession made (by each one vnto ye rest,) of his knowledge in all the fundam^t^al principles of the Christian Religion nay [necessary?] to salvation.

2. That each be of an apprued conversation.

3 That Conviction of sin be visible pfessed together with the meanes, and also thro God hath holp the soule vnto a Christ.

4 That all this be heild forth either before the whole Church (by who eu^r^ shall after joyne to the church when once it be gathered) or else before the officer, & those y^t^ the Church shall depute together with ye officer.

5. That none shalbe p^r^ssed to give this manner of satisfaction before the whole Congregation or Towne who is not hims. willing therevnto, but y^t^ the satisfaction be taken onely before the Church.

These things being thus comfortably agreed vpon, &

The Counsell being by them desired either to take Tryal of them, or to afford there p^r^sence with them, in there Tryall each of other.

The Counsell upon consideration y^t^ some of them could not stay so long upon it, at p^r^sent, & y^t^ the worke was of Greate weight, & required deliberation &c. Advised, as followeth, in effect.

1. That these 11 doe set apte a sollemne day to humble themselues before God, for there former miscarriages, & to entreat his p^r^sence with them in the greate worke they were aboute.

2. That they together agree aboute the order of pceeding who to come vpo^{n} Tryal by the rest, 1st: & who 2^{d} & so on, to the last man.

3. That they attend the way, thems: had agreed vpon with each one, without ptiality.

4. That upon the day, they agree upon to that worke, they (after seeking of God,) doe goe abt it in the manner as afore s^{d} & if they thinke good to send to vs, & the Counsell would then attend them (if God will) at the time, & after y^{t} is finished (as ye L: may helpe vs) give them som further advise as occasion may req. [require?]

5. y^{t} each one submit hims. to ye satisfaction of ye rest & he willing to sit by if ye rest be not satisfied with him.

6. y^{t} in meane time they acquainte themselves familiarly each with other, to see how God may psuade them spits to a mutual closure.

The following petition and depositions are found among the Shattuck Manuscripts of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society.

To the Right Hono'ble the Govr and Councell sitting in Boston

The Petition of Daniell Addams Humbly sheweth that yor Petitione^{r} went out as a voluntear: upon the scout from Concord in company with some of Concord and some of Lancaster: and they comeing to Grauton yor petitione^{r} there killed an Indian: and hath rec'd no wages from the Country for any service that he hath done: notwithstanding he hath beene oute upon the same acco^{t} severall times both the Last summer and the Last winter and is now goeing out againe under the Command of Leift Curtis:

Yo^{r} Petitione^{r} therefore humbly requests the favo^{r} of your Hono^{r}s to consider the premises and to grant him an order to the Treasuro^{r} for his satisfaction according as the Law allows in that case — so shall he be ever engaged to pray &c DANIELL ADDAMS

[Endorsed] "The Petition of Daniell Addams 21 Aprill 1676"

Att Groton the 14th of march 1676 thire was Daniell Adams whoe was uary helpefull to the towne of groton with somo thers of Lankstar and the said Daniell adams did kill one Indan att Mr Willards garason

Witness JOHN CADYE
And SAMUEL WOODS

we whoe see him fall to the graund and not Rise againe
As witness NICKCOLASS CADYE

Samuell Woodes of Grotten aged aboute forty yers of age witnis that he saw tooe indens standing upon Captine parkers Land at grotten and danill adams shote at tham and one of tham falle doune and the other ran away
17 : day of 2 : month : 1676 : the mark Γ of SAMUEL WOODES

Alse Woods aged about forty yeares testifieth & saith ; that at Grooton upon the day that the moste of the towne was burnt by the Indians ; she heard severall say that Daniell Adams had killed an Indian ; and she went vp presently into Mr Willards Garritt & saw two Indians stand over a dead Indian about halfe an hour then they carried him away & further saith not
The mark O of ALSE WOODS

The following instrument is recorded in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds at East Cambridge (IX. 27), and appears to have been prompted by the action of the town, taken December 25, 1683,—as given on page 82 of this book. It was certainly to the credit of the early settlers that they recognized the right of the Indians to their native land, and were willing to extinguish it by purchase. This action on their part did not make their title to the land any clearer in a court of law, but it established a principle. During this time the impending fate of the Charter of Massachusetts was feared, if not known, and the colonists thought that their landed possessions might be forfeited to the Crown ; and this course, of buying the land from the Indians, might give them a title rivalling that of the King.

By referring to the proceedings at a town meeting held June 8, 1702, as given on page 123 of this book, it will be seen that other persons besides the committee, acting doubtless on their own responsibility, had acquired nominal rights from the Indians.

Indians to Grotton

To all people to whom these p'sents shall come greeting know yee Mr John Tom Dublit & his wife & their Eldest son little Jame ffox, alias Gasumbitt, Mr Jacob alias Patatuck all

of Weymessit & Thomas Waban of Natick all of them Indians & Inhabitants as afores^d and within the Massachusetts Colony in New England for and in consideration of the full & just sum of twenty and eight pound ten shill. to me well and truly payd & security given to them according to law by Corporall John Page, Ens: Nathaniel Lawrence & John Parresh all of the Towne of Grotton. wch is to the full satisfaccon & content of the afores^d Indians and thereof and of every part thereof do acquitt, release and discharge ye s^d John Page & Nathaniel Lawrence & John Parresh & their heyrs & Administrators for ever by these p'sents. have granted, bargained & sold, aliened enfeoffed & confirmed, & by these p'sents do fully, freely clearly and absolutely grant, bargaine & sell, alien, enfeofe & confirme to the now Inhabitants of the Towne of Grotton afores^d and to their heyrs & Associates forever All & every part of that Tract of land which is called Grotton plantation according to the full Extent of the bounds thereof, on both sides of Nashaway River, as it is granted to them by the hon^ble Gen^ll Court of the Massachusetts Colony To have and to hold the abovs^d Tract of land with all the priviledges & appurtenances to the same apperteyning or in any wise belonging to them the s^d Inhabitants of the Town of Grotton & to their heyrs & Associates forever & to their & their only propper use and behoofe And they the s^d Mr John Tom Dublitt & his wife and their son the Eldest of them, little James ffox & Jacob Pataatuck & Thomas Waaban for themselvs, their heyrs & Administrators do covenant, promise & grant to and with the afores^d John Page, Nathaniel Lawrence & John Parresh (as Trustees for & in behalfe of the whole Inhabitants of the afores^d Towne of Grotton) & with their heyrs & Assigns forever, that they the s^d Mr John Tom Dublitt & his wife & their Eldest son & little James ffox, alias Gasumbitt & Jacob Patatuck & Thomas Waaban & each of them are the true and propper heyrs of the aboues^d Tract of land as to all manner of Indian Title, that either is or may conceived to be. And that they have good right, full powr & lawfull Authority the p'mises to grant, bargaine & confirme to them the s^d Inhabitants of Grotton & to their heyrs, Associates & Assigns forever. And that they the s^d Inhabitants of the Town of Grotton their heyrs Associates & Assigns forever shall and may at all times & from time to time forever hereafter quietly and peaceably have, hold, occupy, possess & enjoy the s^d whole Tract of land or plantation with all

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sell

all that Plantation called Groton

habendum

the priviledges, profitts & commodityes of the same without the lawfull lett, hindrance, Eviction expulsion, sute, molestation or denyall of them the s^d^ Mr John Tom Dublitt & his wife & their Eldest son little James ffox, Jacob alias Patatuck & Thomas Waaban their heyrs or Executors, Administrators or Assigns of them or of either of them or of any other person or persons whatsoever whither Indian or English claiming or having any right, title or Interest therein or thereunto by from or under them or either of them (as to Indian Title of land) or by any other lawfull ways or means whatsoever.

In witness whereof, the s^d^ Mr John Indian & Tom Dublitt and his wife & their Eldest son little James ffox, Jacob alias Patatuck & Thomas Waaban have affixed their hands & seals hereunto this tenth day of January, In the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty & three, four, and in the thirty and five year of ye reigne of our sovereigne Lord King Charls the second

10th Janur 1683

Read,
signd,
sealed
& deliverd
in ye presence of us

THO: HINCHMAN	his mark & seale + MR JOHN and seale
JOHN FFISKE	TOM O DUBLITT his mark and seale
JONATH. DANFORTH Senr	his E wife her mark & seale
JAMES BROWN	LITTLE Q JAMES his mark & seale
JAMES RUMBLY MARSH	JACOB 8 PATATUCK his mark & seale
CAP^T^ C TOM	THOMAS WABAN & seale
his marke	TOM S DUBLITTS SON & seale
	mark

Pompequoout, alias Mr John, Thomas Neepamimp alias Dublitt & Sarah his wife. Pasumbitt, alias little James fox & Petatook alias Jacob Indians of Weymeset & Thomas Waban Indian of Natick, acknowledged the within written Instrument to be their Act & Deed

Jan. 11. 1683/4

Before PET: BULKELEY Assis^t^.

Recorded. 17. 3. 1684
by THO: DANFORTH. R.

The remaining documents in this Appendix are found among the Shattuck Manuscripts.

GROTON, July: 16. 1689

To the honred Gouner and councell and Representiues: thes Lins shew the Request of your humbell sarunts the in habtants of the towne of groton and ouer presant unsetled and almost destracted conditon; we mack bold to troubell you once more; crauing youer aduice and asistanc if it may be obtained that we may go on with ouer bisnes; to gat in our haruest and do other nessary worke: the barer heare of James Knop and James Parker Junr are fuly abell to aquaint the honred councell ouer conditon boath in miletary & other cases; in the towne; ouer ofesers are by the new choice

James Parker sener cap^t
Jonas Prescot Lef^t
John Lacken ensin.

By order of the towne of groton
JOSIAH PARKER, *clark*

July. 17. 1689. The Comission offic^rs nominated as above are allowed & confirmed by ye Govr & Counsell. and they do order Capt Prout to deliver unto James Knop and James Parker for ye use of s^d Town forty pounds of powder and one hundred weight of Lead taking their bill to repay it again into ye stoar in some Convenient time. & do also appoynt ye Major of ye Low^r Regim^t of ye Comd to order ye Impressing of ten soldiers in a meet proportiō out of ye seu'all companyes under his comand. to be sent as soone as may be for their releife.

By order of ye Govr & Councill

IS^A ADDINGTON, *Sec^ry.*

[Endorsed] Groton military Officers.
Past. 17° July. 89.

To his Excellency Sr William Phips Knight Cap^n Generall and Governour in chiefe of their Maj^ties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, and Ho:^ble Council and Representatives thereof now assembled in Generall Court sitting att Boston february 23^d 169¾

The petition of John Paige of Groton for himself and in behalf of his son John Paige who was a souldier under the command of

Major Wade in the Late Expedition to Canada against ye comon enemy

Humbly Sheweth That yor Petitio^r^s son the s^d^ John Paige att Canada received a Previous wound in his left arme, of which after his returne home he lay lame und^r^ the Chyrurgeons hand for the Space of Twelve months and upwards, before he gatt cure, and ater he gatt cure was a twelve month more before he could doo or performe any reasonable bodily Labour to procure himself a Lively hood.

That yor petition^rs^ sons cure came to Seaven pounds wch yor Petitio^r^ undertooke the payment of to the Chyrurgeon, and of wh^ch^ he hath only rec^d^ from the country thirty shillings, wch was soe much allowd and ordered by the Comittee formerly appointed to Inspect ye affaires of Canada wounded men, his Son being att that time under cure, but not cured till a very Considerable time aft^r^ and soe had said thirty shillings allowed him for payment of ye Chyrurgeon for what he had done to that time.

Now Forasmuch as yor Petitio^r^ hath formerly made Applycation to yor Ex^lly^ and this hon^rd^ Court referring to ye premisses Butt nothing hither haveing therein been done, yett hopes you will not deale by his son worse than by others of ye wounded men.

Yo^r^ Petitio^r^ Therefore for himself and in behalf of his said son humbly Entreats yor Exc^lly^ and this hon^rd^ Court to take ye premisses into consideracoñ. and that you will please to allow and order unto yor petition^r^ the remainder of s^d^ moneys for the cure of his son, as also that you will please to allow unto his son Such compensation for the loss of his time and for payment of his Dyatt during the continuance of his afores^d^ lameness. as to yor wisdoms shall seeme most meet & requisite.

And yor Petition^r^ as is
duly bound Shall ever pray
JOHN PAIGE

This may certifie that John Paige Sone of the petition^r^ was under the hands of me Jonathan Prescott Chyrurgeon above a twelve months time, and that his cure pformed by me came to seaven pounds JONATHAN PRESCOTT

voted that John Page Junr son of the Petition^r^ shall for the payment of the Chirurgion and Dyet Dureng the time of his Cure Receive

out of the publicque treasury of this province Twelve pounds deducting out of s^d^ suñe what he has all ready Recēd: passed in the Affirmative by the House Re. NATH: BYFIELD *Speaker*

[Endorsed] John Paige of Groton his petition
1693 27 febr Vot^d^ in Council £. 12. to be p^d^ deducting &c.

To the honourable his Majestics Justices of the Court of Genera:^l^ Sessions of the Peace To be holden at Charlestown within and for y County of Middlesex on the Second Tuseday of March 1717/18

Whereas we the Subscribers Selectmen of Groton have been Informed that ye Town of Groton hath been Presented by ye Grand Jury for want of a School Master which was to have been answered ye Last Court but the Presentment afores^d^ being variously Construed it was at Length ordered that ye Selectmen of Groton should be apprized thereof & Certify this Court how many families there is in our Town Now these are to Certify & Informe Your honours that there is not one hundred families which are Ratable or able To Contribute anything to ye Publick & we presume the Grand Jury Niver Intended a Grammer Schoole by said Presentment. And Ever Since Said Court in December Last we have been Provided with a Schoole Master To Teach Children To read & Wright as the Law in this Case provides & Directs. Which Premises being Considered we hope Groton Will be Discharged from said Presentment. We have also appointed Mr John Ames to present this to your honours To whom you may Give Credit

from yor honours Humble Serv^ts^

SIMON STONE
JOHN SHEPLE
JONATHAN BOIDEN } *Selectmen of Groton.*
RICHARD WARNER
JOSEPH LAKIN

FIRST PARISH MEETINGHOUSE, GROTON.

THIS cut was taken from a drawing made in the year 1838, by John W. Barber, and originally appeared in his Historical Collections of Massachusetts. It represents the First Parish Meetinghouse before it was remodelled in the year 1839, at which time it was partially turned round, and the north end made the front, facing the west. The Academy building, on the right of the meetinghouse, was enlarged in the autumn of 1846, and subsequently burned July 4, 1868. The fence was built around the Common in front of the meetinghouse, in the autumn of 1842, the last post being placed at the north-west corner on October 3 of that year. The trees within the enclosure were set out about the same time, excepting the row of elms on Main Street, which were transplanted in the year 1828.

The original sketch of this view and the engraving are now in the possession of Bradford Kingman, Esq., of Brookline, Massachusetts, to whom I am indebted for the use of the cut.

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